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## Rotarians agree to issue aid to victims

ROTARIANS based in Oswestry have agreed to send emergency aid to the victims of the Philippines hurricane.

Members of Oswestry Rotary Club unanimously voted to finance the sending of at least one ShelterBox emergency home to support people caught up in the disaster.

Graham Moss from the club said its president Stuart Phillips told members at a meeting on Monday they had to do something about the tragedy and do it now.

Mr Moss said: "Members speedily and unanimously voted to finance sending at least one ShelterBox emergency home to support the people of the Philippines. The club was moved by the plight of many in that region following the devastating effects of Typhoon Haiyan."

"The Rotary's ShelterBox organisation had already ensured the sending of some of these very remarkable emergency homes. The box contains a high quality tent which will house at least 10 people. Made from a sustainable material, it is constructed to withstand fairly high temperatures, major rainfall and winds.

"The contents allow for a wide range of supporting activities from a multi-fuel cooking stove, to ground-sheets and fleece blankets, and to hammers, axes, saws, and hoe heads."

## Continental market day

MARKET traders from across Europe will be in Welshpool on Sunday.

Stallholders from France, Germany, Italy, Spain, Poland and other nations will be selling their wares in the town centre from 9am to 5pm as part of a town council scheme to boost trade. At a similar event this year, hundreds of people flocked to the town, livening up the usual quiet Sunday trading.

Olivier Simonin, market operator, said high-quality products will be on sale.

# REVAMP OF TOWN ONE-WAY SYSTEM

**LONG-awaited changes will be made to Welshpool's controversial one-way system after councillors admitted they have let residents down.**

The town's one-way system will undergo a series of alterations including the introduction of an improved pedestrian crossing facility by the Spar shop in Church Street, a yellow box at the Mill Lane/Brook Street/Church Street junction and the possibility of enhanced pedestrian crossings on Broad Street and High Street.

Jehu Road and Brook Street priorities will be changed so the "give way" is on Jehu Road, while a bus stop could be brought in on Church Bank.

Councillors voted in favour of bringing the changes in as soon as possible at yesterday's (Wednesday) meeting of the Montgomeryshire Shires Committee and will now contact the North and Mid Wales Trunk Road Agency to get the work under way.

However, Councillor Viola Evans, who was part of a scrutiny committee which investigated the system and made recommendations 12 months ago, admitted more could have been done to speed up improvements.

She said: "This has gone on for too long. We went to the scrutiny committee in December last year with recommendations and here we are in November, 11 months on, with nothing having changed. We have done nothing for the people of Welshpool and have let them down. If we haven't got the teeth to get something done on this now, we must find someone who has."

Councillor Ann Holloway, member for Welshpool, said the changes were vital before someone is killed. She said: "I am fed up with this one-way system and I was the only one on the town council who voted against it in the first place. What I want to know though is how long it will take."

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## A trolley good contest



Stans of St Martins staff Paula Batha and William Rogers launch *The Chronicle's* Christmas Trolley Dash.

CHRONICLE readers are being offered a brilliant chance to reduce their Christmas shopping bill thanks to Stans Superstore of St Martins.

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The lucky winner drawn by bosses at the store and will enjoy a 90 second dash around the store to fill up on Christmas goodies.

## Boss sees interest rise after TV show

INTEREST in working at Iceland has more than tripled since the programme featured on a new fly-on-the-wall television programme, its founder Malcolm Walker.

He spoke to *The Chronicle* in the wake of the final episode of Iceland: *Life In The Freezer Cabinet* on BBC2.

And the businessman, who launched his business empire in Oswestry in 1970, said that while he has not yet seen the impact of the show on sales at the frozen foods supermarket, the number of hits on the jobs section of Iceland's website has increased from 2,500 per week to more than 8,000.

"They were in for about nine months, following us with cameras. We had no editorial control at all, but if you turned the clock back I would do it again," he said.

The show, which attracted more than two million viewers for each of its first two episodes, followed the team at the high street retailer, showing staff in stores, and traced Mr Walker's own experiences working at the company's base in north Wales.

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## Contractor appointed for project

HOUSING bosses have announced which contractor will build the 19 homes on Oswestry's Swan Lane development.

Shropshire Towns and Rural Housing has appointed Speller Metcalfe to build 15 three bedroomed houses and four two bedroomed house as part of its affordable housing scheme.

The programme, led by Shropshire Towns and Rural Housing on behalf of Shropshire Council, has been made possible through funding from the Homes and Community Agency, Section 106 agreements and the council's Housing Revenue Account.

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# Move to get empty shops back into use

TWO new business rate schemes designed to help revitalise high streets in Mid Wales have been launched by Powys County Council and the Welsh Assembly.

The council says the new schemes will cut or exempt new businesses from business rates in a bid to encourage more companies to open and stay open.

Under the plans, new businesses opening up in long-term vacant properties will be given 50 per cent relief on business rates for 12 months, while newly built businesses will not have to pay any business rates for the first 18 months.

The schemes are funded by the Welsh Assembly and have been launched in response to recommen-

dations from the Business Rates Task and Finish Group, set up by the Welsh Government, which examined how the business rates regime in Wales could be used to encourage economic development.

The schemes represent an anticipated investment of more than £5m by the Welsh Assembly. Open for Business, which funds 50 per cent

relief on business rates for eligible properties for up to 12 months from the first date of occupation, will run until March 31, 2015, to encourage the use of long term vacant retail properties, particularly in town centres and shopping areas.

To find out if your business is eligible contact Powys County Council on (01597) 827463.

# Woman, 52, assaulted while out walking dog

A 52-YEAR-old woman was assaulted by a man who approached her from behind as she walked her dog in Oswestry.

The woman was walking in the field next to the skate park, off Cabin Lane, at 8.20pm on Sunday when a man came up to her from behind and started talking to her.

He then pulled her hair before running off, Richard Ewels, West Mercia Police spokesman said.

He added: "We are appealing for witnesses to an assault on a 52-year-old woman who was walking her dog in the field near the skate park, Cabin Lane, at 8.20pm on Sunday.

"A man came up behind her, spoke to her and pulled her hair before running off."

"He was a complete stranger to the victim, who was not hurt, but understandably upset."

Mr Ewels said anyone with information can call Oswestry Police on 101 or CrimeStoppers on 0800 555111.

# Home town gig for Libby

SINGER Libby Gliksman will be performing in her home town in the coming weeks.

The 25-year-old will be accompanied by pianist Dean Ames at Wednesday's cafe bar in Castle Court in Oswestry on December 6, and says she is looking forward to performing numbers from some of her favourite singers including Adele, Etta James and Carly Simon. The performance will start at 9pm.

Libby will also be singing at Henry Tudor House on Wyle Cop, Shrewsbury, on November 29 at 9pm.

# Coroner rules drowning death a tragic accident

THE death of a 21-year-old man who drowned while cooling off in a river during July's heatwave was a "tragic accident", the county's coroner has ruled.

Anthony Lawrence drowned despite the best efforts of his father, Dave Lawrence, to save him, the inquest at Shrewsbury's Guildhall was told.

The pair had gone to cool off in the River Dee near St Martins on July 16 during a spell of hot summer weather.

The former Marches School pupil was a non-swimmer and his father told the inquest he was surprised that he had gone in the water with him but he was happy to see Anthony, who was not particularly sporty, get in.

He told the inquest the pair were "having a laugh" in the water just minutes before the tragedy, which happened at the confluence of the rivers Dee and Ceiriog near St Martins.

Mr Lawrence said he had gone to the water, known locally as The Forge, many times when he was younger and never had any problems there.

He said they went later in the day on July 16 so they could have the place to themselves and the only other person there was Anthony's girlfriend of two years, Faye Merley, who had accompanied them to the river but had not gone swimming.

Mr Lawrence, of Ty Maen, of Oswestry, said the first sign of trouble was when he lost his footing on a ledge and the pair went under the water for a short time.

Although the pair were a "bit shaken" they carried on swimming.

They got into further trouble as they moved to deeper water and they went under the water.

Despite his best efforts, Mr Lawrence, a 44-year-old window cleaner, was unable to save his son from drowning.

The hearing was told police, firefighters and paramedics all arrived at the scene after the alarm was raised that Anthony had gone missing in the water.

Police sergeant Richard Coles told the

**by Iain St John**

inquest he and other officers from Oswestry attended the scene just after 7pm on July 16.

He said they met Anthony's girlfriend Faye who directed them to where he had gone in the river.

Sergeant Coles said Anthony was spotted in the river and firefighters got him out.

The officer said: "They had difficulty because of the distance he was from the bank and the depth of water they encountered."

**Treatment**

He said efforts to resuscitate Anthony were made immediately by the firefighters and ambulance staff and he was then flown by air ambulance to the Royal Shrewsbury Hospital for further treatment.

Shropshire Coroner John Ellery said the cause of death had been found to be immersion, or in other words drowning.

The coroner found that he died in the river.

He told Mr Lawrence, and his wife Denise Lawrence who also attended the hearing, he entirely accepted Mr Lawrence's evidence.

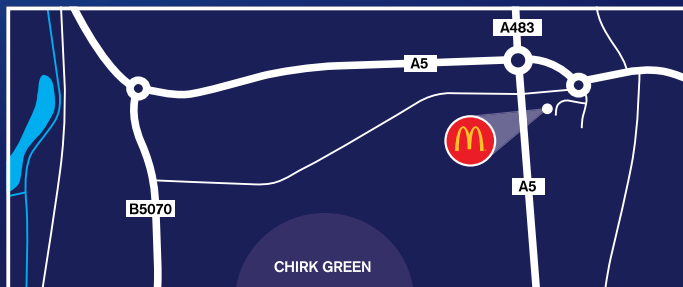
Mr Ellery said: "This was a tragic accident."

He returned a verdict of accidental death.



Anthony Lawrence's death has been ruled as a tragic accident by the county's coroner.

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## NEWS

## Town pub may face a review of licence

LICENSING bosses will meet today (Thursday) to decide whether an Oswestry pub should have its licence reviewed amid claims it is causing a public nuisance.

Shropshire Council's public protection team has applied for the review over concerns about the Old Vaults in Church Street.

A report to the licensing committee said the application had been made "on the grounds that the current operation of the premises undermines the prevention of public nuisance licensing objective."

The committee was due to hear representations had been received from the police, a neighbouring business and a nearby resident. The report says: "The application is supported by evidence of complaints received and subsequent action taken."

"The premises licence was first granted for the internal area of the premises on November 24 2005. An application to vary the licence to include the external area for regulated entertainment was granted on July 12 2012. The application to review the licence was received on September 24 2013."

The report says various options are open to the committee including taking no further action, issuing warnings to the licence holder and revoking the licence.

## Market planned for village hall

A CHRISTMAS market will be held in Trefonen Village Hall, near Oswestry, on November 23 from 11am to 1pm.

The market will include stalls run by local organisations and producers, as well as refreshments including tea and coffee, cakes and hot soup.

## More staff drafted in by BT for BBC fundraising night

**EXTRA staff are being drafted in to the BT centre in Oswestry as it prepares to deal with an extra 200,000 calls during BBC Children in Need on Friday night.**

Bosses say more people than normal will be on duty at the Network Management Centre in Park Hall during the live show which runs from 7pm until the early hours of Saturday.

The centre, which employs people from around Shropshire, has been dubbed "the eyes and ears" of the UK and international communications networks by bosses.

by Andrew Morris

## Supercars due to dazzle during a visit to castle

MANY of the world's finest supercars will dazzle spectators at the family-friendly RallyFest which will be staged at Chirk Castle on Saturday.

The RallyFest is part of Wales Rally GB, the UK round of the high-profile FIA World Rally Championship.

A competitive section has been laid out on the private roads around the medieval castle and more than 150 of the world's best rally drivers will be providing some spectacular action as they race against-the-clock to set the fastest time.

The RallyFest has been designed to offer more than just the thrills and spills of a rally stage. Aimed at providing spectators of all ages with a full day's entertainment, a show featuring more than 30 of the world's fastest and most desirable exotics will be another of the main attractions.

The list of dream machines on show will include Aston Martins, a BAC Mono, BMWs, Ferraris, a Ford GT40, a Lamborghini Aventador, Lotuses, Maseratis, Nissan GTRs, Porsches, and TVRs.

They will not just be on static display, but will also parade in the historic castle grounds allowing fans to delight in the roar of their powerful engines.

The Wales Rally GB is running from November 14 to 17.

Andrew Coe, chief executive of RallyFest organiser International Motor Sports Ltd, said: "As if having the World Rally Championship isn't electrifying enough, those at Chirk Castle will get to enjoy the full RallyFest experience."

It ensures the smooth running of phone lines and communications networks 24 hours a day - especially during telethons like Children in Need.

Tony Rhodes, service operations manager at BT's network management team, said: "It promises to be a busy weekend for the centre with Children in Need telethon on Friday, followed by the latest round of Strictly Come Dancing and The X Factor on Saturday and Sunday."

"We're again gearing up for an extra 200,000 calls across our network during Children in Need, which is broadcast from 7pm on Friday into the early hours of Saturday."

"As usual our main objective will be to ensure as many calls as possible get through to Children in Need, without compromising service to other customers around the country."

## Donation

"BT's technology ensures the calls are distributed evenly across all of the Children in Need answering centres, so as many people as possible can get through to make their donation."

"We'll have extra people on duty at our network centre here in Oswestry, who will be constantly monitoring the level of calls across our network continuously monitoring how the network is performing."

"Special attention is always given to the periods immediately following the heart-wrenching features covered in the programme as these always trigger an increased response from the general public."

BT has been an active supporter of BBC Children in Need since the early 1980s by providing the telephone network management and call centres to help raise money for disadvantaged children and young people.

In addition to the network management Centre's 'eyes and ears' technical role, BT will also be operating five call centres on the night in Glasgow, Warrington, Newcastle, Lincoln and at the BT Tower in London, with more than 250 BT volunteers taking part.



Tony Rhodes ready for a busy Friday night in the BT Centre in Oswestry.

## 40mph speed limit starting at accident black spot

A NEW speed limit will be introduced at an accident black spot tomorrow (Friday) - two months earlier than planned.

The new 40mph restriction will come into force at the A483 Llyncllys crossroads near Oswestry, which has been described as "horrendous" by campaigners.

Currently the road has a 60mph limit, but residents have been calling for traffic calming measures at the spot for many years. Councillor Dilys Gaskill, Llanymynech and Pant parish council chairman, said: "I'm delighted. We welcome anything that will improve that junction. It's horrendous."

"Thomas Telford built these roads for horse and cart and we haven't had much improvement since."

But Ben Jones, 30, owner of the White Lion pub which sits on the junction, said he believed speed cameras would be necessary to enforce the new limit.

He added: "A 40mph limit might help slightly. What we need is a speed camera. I don't always agree with speed cameras but here I think it would be ideal."

Three accidents have been reported on the road since August, and five in the past 18 months. In the most recent crash, a woman in her 80s had to be airlifted to hospital. Councillor Gaskill said: "The only thing that will solve it is a roundabout leading to a bypass. Why don't they just bite the bullet and give us a roundabout? At the moment it is a really scary junction."

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## NEWS

in brief

## McDonald's puts in plan for site

FAST food giant McDonald's will create 65 new jobs when it opens a restaurant in Oswestry.

The company said today that it has formally submitted plans for the new restaurant on Oswestry's livestock market site as part of a £45 million development featuring a cinema and supermarket.

McDonald's said it is "excited" about investing in the town and is anticipating working with the council on the plans.

Stephen Carpenter, McDonald's spokesman, said: "A new McDonald's would bring investment to the area and provide 65 full and part-time jobs for the community."

"We are excited about the prospect of investing in Oswestry."

## Man, 26, in court on rape charge

A MAN from Llanfair Caereinion has appeared in court charged with rape.

Lee Andrew, 26, from Tyr Ddol, appeared at Mold Crown Court last Friday.

He is facing one charge of rape, which is alleged to have happened in Llanfair Caereinion on April 28.

Andrew did not enter a plea and will return to court on December 20 for a further hearing.

## Fun afternoon to be held at church

HOPE Church in Laburnum Drive, Oswestry, is organising a family fun afternoon with a Christmas fair in the church on Saturday, November 23, from noon to 3pm.

It will include a bouncy castle for children, various stalls and seasonal refreshments. Admission is free.

Organiser VJ Lonsdale said: "We are planning a great afternoon for the whole family."

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## NEWS

# Fraudster will not have to pay back cash

**A FORMER Oswestry businessman who illegally claimed more than £40,000 in a VAT fraud, and was pictured on luxury holidays, will not have to repay any money, a court has heard.**

Alan Devere, 52, was said to have no assets and there was little point in going ahead with a Proceeds of Crime application.

At Shrewsbury Crown Court, prosecutor Kevin Saunders said there was no realistic prospect of securing any money and that Devere had no hidden assets.

He said a statement of means showed that Devere's house at Artillery Road in Park Hall, Oswestry, had been repossessed.

"There was no money to meet the mortgage and a second charge on the property. There were bank overdrafts and credit cards which could not be cleared," he said.

At a hearing in August, Devere had admitted making three fraudulent VAT claims between 2009 and 2012 linked to his computer repair firm, Analysed PC Solutions.

### Flights

Almost half of the £40,000 refunds related to Ryanair flights which had prompted a Revenue & Customs investigation.

The court heard he had been declared bankrupt and had worked 70 hours a week at two jobs, but had got into financial difficulties.

Judge Robin Onions had imposed an eight month suspended prison sentence after hearing that Devere was the main carer for his severely disabled son.

Devere had also been ordered to do 250

hours unpaid work and was told he would have to pay back the money.

At court on Tuesday Judge Onions ordered an inquiry into the origins of a photograph published the day after Devere was sentenced which apparently showed him enjoying a luxury sunshine holiday.

HM Revenue and Customs released the photographs, which showed him looking tanned and relaxed on foreign holidays in Africa, Crete and Mallorca.

The judge said it undermined the sentence he passed made on the basis Devere was using money adapting his home for his disabled son.

Judge Onions said any material relevant to money being used for luxuries should have been part of the sentencing issues and would have been an aggravating feature.

Mr Adrian Roberts, for Devere, said his client had had respite breaks from caring for his disabled son.

by Arthur Mills

## Pupils meet Dick and Dom



Dick and Dom with Jasmine Goolden, nine, Thomas Edwards, seven, and Aryan Gharwal, nine.

CHILDREN'S TV favourites Dick and Dom swapped their bungalow for two schools as they dropped in to teach the children some new words.

The pair, who are known for their silly games and gunge-filled television show on BBC, were in the area to promote their new book, but took the opportunity to spread silliness to Woodside School in Oswestry and Ellesmere Primary School.

Dick and Dom - real names Richard McCourt and Dominic Wood - were invited to the county by Booka bookshop in Oswestry as part of a tour to promote their new book, Dick and Dom's Slightly Naughty but Very Silly Words.

A welcoming party of children, accompanied by the school teddy bear and a few teachers, greeted the pair as they arrived at Woodside.

While Dick ran off to the loo, Dom kept the kids entertained with some sleight of hand magic tricks, and as soon as his partner-in-crime returned they took a walk to the school car park to say hello to a pupil who had hurt himself the previous day and

had come in especially to meet his favourite celebrities.

"It's always nice to come and meet the people who are going to be buying the book," Dom said. "You get to see the reactions as you read bits out to them and find out what they find funny."

As well as reading some of the words from their book to pupils, they also hosted a game show in the school hall, pitting the children against each other in a series of events which included action songs, naming celebrities to music and drawing pictures.

Year 4 pupil Lily Jones, eight, was the winner of the celebrity naming competition. "It was an amazing experience," she said. "I was nervous but I really enjoyed it. I'm a big fan. I never thought I'd get to meet them or be able to play their games."

Dick and Dom returned to Oswestry for a book signing event at Booka, where more than 200 children met the pair.

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## NEWS

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# Objectives to breathe new life into town are unveiled

**BRINGING** vacant town centre properties back to life and supporting small business start-up schemes are just some of the key objectives that will be carried out in the next seven years to rejuvenate Oswestry, it has been revealed.

The objectives were announced at the unveiling of the Oswestry 2020 Town Plan.

The plan was launched at an invitation-only gathering at the Willow Gallery in Oswestry attended by town and Shropshire councillors from Oswestry as well as the mayors of neighbouring towns and Shropshire Council leader Keith Barrow.

Other key objectives include looking at whether a town centre regeneration manager is needed to drive forward the plans to breathe new life into Oswestry, a review of the operation and location of Oswestry outdoor market and plans to establish the Bailey Head as a multi-functioning public space.

Car parks will be improved and a review of parking charges will be carried out to provide a "more flexible, and unified town centre parking offer, including possible incentives for quieter times".

## Aspirations

The town plan also will look to secure "the allocation and provision of sufficient good quality new employment land at locations on the strategic road networks of the A5/A483 to support the growth aspirations of local businesses and those locating to Oswestry".

In all, there are about 70 objectives set out in the plan, the launch heard.

A team of volunteers led by town and Shropshire Councillor Martin Bennett, went through a 12-month process of meetings and consultations to produce the 2020 vision.

Councillor Bennett said it was

important to produce a clear vision of what people wanted Oswestry to be, particularly given the pressure of the current economic times.

He said: "The timing of this venture could not have been better.

"We are living in and through a time of unprecedented change.

"The economic climate has changed with a vengeance, and the nature and role of local government not only in Shropshire but throughout the country, has changed and is continuing to change."

Councillor Bennett said now the 2020 plan had been launched it was time for the "real hard work" to ensure the objectives are carried out.

Oswestry mayor Chris Schofield said the town was leading the way by creating such a document and the work it had done had created national interest. He said: "The town council, through the Localism Act, was put in the position of deciding whether to lead on the production of an Oswestry Plan."

by Iain St John

## Hospice shop issues a plea



Shop manager Eleanor Davies with some donated toys. Picture: Ian Sheppard.

PEOPLE are being urged to have a festive clear out and pass any unwanted items on to Hope House charity shops.

The charity said its shops are busy preparing for the Christmas period and said it is keen for anybody to donate items no longer needed for sale in the shops.

Eleanor Davies, Oswestry Hope House branch manager, said: "You're certain of a warm welcome when you come into one of our 14 shops all run by loyal groups of volunteers who pride

themselves on delivering first class customer service and merchandising our shops to a high standard.

"Everyone who brings clothes, bric-a-brac and especially toys in to our shop is helping to raise valuable funds – but there is a way you could help raise even more at absolutely no cost to yourself. A Daisy Card increases the value of your donated goods by 25 per cent as we are able to reclaim gift aid."

Mrs Davies added that the

charity's Christmas cards are also now in stock.

She said: "Our 2013 Christmas cards are now in, with 16 different designs to choose from. This year a limited edition card features a design by Angharad Williams who drew the wonderfully festive picture during a visit to Hope House."

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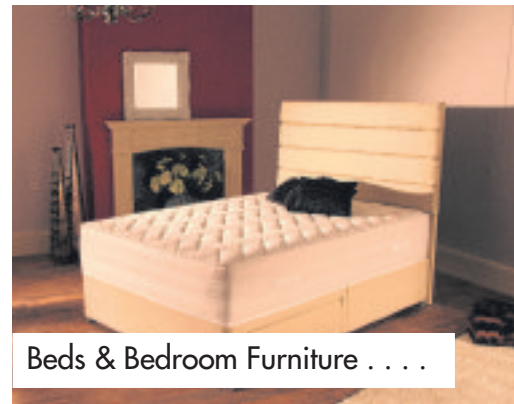
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# FEATURES & COMMENT

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IS IT time for us all to go out celebrating or is the news about the UK's improving financial outlook too good to really be true?

This week we heard that inflation rates are down, unemployment figures are down and The Bank of England now predicts growth this year of 1.6 per cent, up from its earlier forecast of 1.4 per cent.

No doubt David Cameron and his cabinet are rubbing their hands with glee because it wasn't that long ago we were being warned the country was heading for a double or even a triple dip situation.

Inflation fell to 2.2 per cent in October, half a per cent down from September, though I'll be amazed if any of us noticed.

The number of people in work has also reached a record high of 29.95million, while the number claiming Jobseekers Allowance saw its biggest fall since 1998. The number of people on the dole fell dramatically, down by 41,700 to reach 1.31 million.

That all sounds great but perhaps someone should point out that a million more people are still out of work than before the financial crash and many people in part-time jobs would like full-time work.

And many of those people in jobs don't have long term contracts anymore which means no security and little hope of getting onto the housing ladder.

Falling petrol and diesel prices have helped bring inflation down and there are signs there may be a little more of this to come in the months ahead.

With The Bank of England now predicting growth this year of 1.6 per cent, up from its earlier forecast of 1.4 per cent, and unemployment down to 7.6 per cent the likely outcome is a hike in interest rates.

The Bank has said interest rates will not go up until unemployment reaches seven per cent but it now looks inevitable.

It will be interesting to see these figures over the next few months when the impact of increased energy prices kicks in.

In the meantime I'm off down the pub while there's still a chance.

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WHAT really wound me up this week was hearing stories about motorists' reluctance to observe the two minutes silence in Welshpool on Monday.

On-line criticism of technical and sound issues of the Broad Street event seem to have overshadowed the real issue that some drivers were more than a little unhappy at having to stop to observe the two minutes of respect.

I'm told that engines were revved and horns blown by impatient motorists in too much of a hurry to even pause to remember the very people who lost their lives to give them their own.

Disgraceful!



The works of war poet Wilfred Owen first inspired festival director John Waine to found LitFest in 2010.



Literary festival founder and director, John Waine, with the team behind Oswestry's LitFest.

# Famous faces booked for popular literary festival

**A pair of stars will be coming out to shine at Oswestry's festival of literature next year. GRAHAM BREEZE reports.**

**TWO famous faces have been lined up to appear at next year's Oswestry's literary festival.**

Frank Cottrell Boyce, novelist, soap writer and the co-writer for the award-winning London 2012 Olympics opening ceremony will be the patron of Oswestry LitFest and will join in some of the events over the 10-day festival in March.

Former BBC journalist and MP Martin Bell will be hosting the inaugural Wilfred Owen lecture at the festival, which will run from March 14 to 23, 2014.

## Landmark

The former BBC foreign correspondent will deliver the landmark lecture on what would have been war poet, Wilfred Owen's 121st birthday on March 18, looking at conflict and communication. He will donate his appearance fee to the Unicef charity.

Mr Bell said: "I am looking forward to it immensely."

Other writers and media experts will appear at the festival, the fifth to be held in the town.

Organisers aim to celebrate the power of the word, whether it is written, spoken or sung.

Festival director John Waine said he

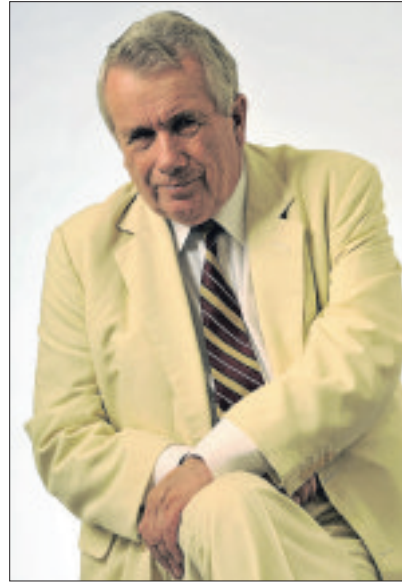


Author Frank Cottrell Boyce will be the patron of LitFest.

was delighted that Mr Cottrell Boyce had agreed to be the festival's patron.

He said: "He is a true friend to Oswestry and our LitFest."

"He opened Oswestry Library in 2008 and returned to appear in LitFest in 2012.



Martin Bell is to deliver the festival's landmark lecture.

"He is an ambassador for the written word and an inspiration."

Mr Cottrell Boyce will unveil the full programme for the festival at a special launch evening to be held in Oswestry in January.

Workshops, appearances, book sign-

ings and other events will be held at various venues across Oswestry. There will be events aimed at children, family events and those for all ages.

Details of events during the festival fortnight will be posted at the website [www.oswestrylitfest.co.uk](http://www.oswestrylitfest.co.uk)

## CHART TOPPERS RAY SPILLER

Over 50 years ago The Music Charts started and this column looks back at the charts on this week November 9, nine, 19, 29, 39 and 49 years ago.

### NINE YEARS AGO – 2004

Rapper Ja Rule had a week at number one with *Wonderful*. He had started rapping in 1992 back in New York after watching

Run D.M.C. riding around in a black Cadillac. Ja Rule said in 2004 that he wanted to retire in 2006 (he would be 30 then). He was recently released from prison having served four years for gun offences and today continues to produce music.

### NINETEEN YEARS AGO – 1994

For four weeks in 1996 Pato Banton held the peak position with *Baby Come Back* but despite releasing four further singles he never had another top 10 success. This record, which attracted platinum sales, was written by Eddy Grant.

### TWENTY NINE YEARS AGO – 1984

George Michael wrote *Freedom* in a car as he was being driven to an airport in France. The song was

good enough to enjoy two weeks at number one for Wham in 1984.

Twelve months later Wham became the first western group to perform live in China when 10,000 fans attended.

### THIRTY NINE YEARS AGO – 1974

Ken Boothe was born in Jamaica in 1948. In 1967 he

recorded a version of Sandie Shaw's *Puppet on a String* which was a big hit in his home country. In 1974 he covered *Everything I Own* which stayed at number one for three weeks.

### FORTY NINE YEARS AGO – 1964

Sandra Goodrich (aka Sandie Shaw) born in Dagenham, got her breakthrough thanks to Adam Faith after she was invited to sing in his dressing room at a Hammersmith concert. Her first single never resulted in much but her second, *There's Always Something There To Remind Me*, written by Burt Bacharach, went to number one for three weeks. She represented the UK (very successfully) in the Eurovision Song Contest.

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## CAN I TAKE MY SON TO LIVE IN AUSTRALIA WITHOUT ASKING HIS FATHER'S PERMISSION?

**Q.** My husband and I divorced five years ago. We have a ten-year old son who lives with me. He is supposed to see his dad every other weekend but this rarely happens as his dad regularly cancels last minute. This really upsets my son and he has been playing up at home and at school because of it. My sister wants us to emigrate to Australia so that she and her husband can help me bring him up, but I just know my ex-husband will object. Can I take my son to live abroad without my ex's permission?

**A.** If his father has parental responsibility you cannot take your son to live abroad without his permission. You must ask his permission and if he refuses you can apply to the court for permission. This type of application is known as an application for leave to permanently remove the child from the jurisdiction.

There is no specific provision under family law regarding permission of this type but your son's welfare will be the court's primary consideration. Whilst there is no presumption that the court will allow an application for a primary care applicant to take a child to live overseas, such applications are in many instances successful.

The court will first want to establish that the application is borne out of a genuine reason (as opposed, for example, to just wanting to prevent the other parent access). It will want to ascertain that the relocation plan is feasible and in the child's best interests. It will also require proof that you will be able to support yourself and your child financially and what arrangements you have made for childcare and schooling.

As applications of this nature rely on the correct argument and information being put forward it would be best to seek advice from a specialist family lawyer.

Further information relating to this question is available from Alison Monaghan, a Solicitor with GHP Legal.

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## LETTERS

## Delight as three win their black belt

THREE members of Whitchurch, Malpas and Oswestry Tae Kwon Do School are celebrating after just passing their 1st degree black belt in the Korean martial art of tae kwon do.

Isabel Evans, John Evans and Tom Hamer who have all been training for over four years, travelled to Bristol to take their grading in front of a panel of five eighth-degree tae kwon do masters at the headquarters of the Tae Kwon Do Association of Great Britain.

In order for them to gain their black belts the students had to perform movements from the martial arts training syllabus including drill work, patterns, set sparring and free sparring. They also had to partake in a verbal exam displaying their knowledge of tae kwon do history and Korean language.

Once again students from our schools have shown how high the standard is from the Shropshire area and what can be achieved by dedication and hard work.

I am very proud of their achievement and it is fantastic to have another three black belts. It shows that through hard work and commitment people of all ages and abilities can enjoy what tae kwon do has to offer and can go on to obtain black belt status.

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## Shop around

IN March this year, my energy supplier Southern Electric informed me I could have my electric/gas tariff price capped for two years.

What a good move, my energy price will stay the same for two years. So take heed and shop around.

E. JACKSON, Oswestry

## Come clean over Plebgate affair

I BELIEVE the way in which David Shaw the Chief Constable of the West Mercia Police Authority handled the case against one of his officers in the so-called Plebgate case, failed not only the public but also the vast majority of his own officers.

If he believes that Ken Mackall along with his companions are innocent then he should have explained

himself publicly, not just say that no disciplinary action was required, when as far as the majority of the public are concerned based on the information available, the opposite is true.

The same can be said of Bill Longmore the Police and Crime Commissioner who as of yet has said nothing of substance on the matter.

The damage caused to the reputa-

tion of the police and confidence the public have in them has been severely shaken by the way this matter has been handled.

I suggest that both the Chief Constable and the Police Commissioner come clean and explain themselves fully to the people they serve.

**JOHN GITTINS**  
Ruyton-X1-Towns

## Century-old view of village in county



WE are going back in time to a 1918 postcard showing West Felton, which bears an interesting message on the back: "This is a view of West Felton, the next village. The shop at the corner is where I go for my Woodbines and the shop just by the cart is where I get my necessities such as writing paper. The Post Office here is where the extra large telegraph pole is. The street to the right is where my boss lives. 14/3/1918."

## LETTERS to the Editor

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## Answer to life's quest is in Christ

SCIENTISTS tell us that the polar ice caps are melting and it is likely here in Britain we will have more rain.

October has certainly been a wet month. In some parts of Africa they would love a share of it.

Of course, water is essential for life - our bodies, they tell us, are about 80 per cent water, and without it we soon get very thirsty. But we have other thirsts, such as the need to love and be loved and valued as a person.

There is a source that is the answer to life's quest, like finding a stream in the desert. "Whoever who comes to me will never go hungry and those who believe in me shall never thirst," that is the promise of Jesus Christ.

**RON JONES**  
Oswestry

## Return to the good old days

I HAVE often heard people yearn for the "good old days", well perhaps they are going to get their way.

In 1926 the mining community were locked out of work over a dispute about terms and conditions and were forced back to work. Last month Grangemouth and its workers were threatened with closedown.

In the 1820s people queued outside the factories on a daily basis for their jobs. Today we have zero hour contracts.

In the 1930s we had the great depression and queues for handouts (Last month we saw the Right Honourable Owen Paterson MP speaking in praise of new food banks) Is this really a progressive society?

**E W T Price**  
Alberbury

## Excuses for delay covering up truth

WEST Midlands Ambulance Service and its excuses for a 65 minute delay are far from being adequate.

As an ambulance control officer for 30 years in Shropshire, if I had given an excuse like that for such a delay, I would not have lasted 10 minutes.

In all that time, the longest wait I ever had was 25 minutes when I had to send an ambulance to Minsterley. The ambulance had to come from Oswestry.

This incident had to be covered by a report to the officer in charge, stating where every ambulance on duty was, and what they were doing at this time.

The following questions should be asked:

1. How many vehicles were on duty, and how many should have been?

2. Where were they at the time and what were they doing?

3. Where was the nearest vehicle and was it sent?

4. What priority was given?

As we know if you're breathing and conscious, you do not rate a blue light. Whoever came up with this is only making the job easier for themselves. In my time, every 999 call was given immediate action, we never asked could you wait, we sent under blue lights straight away.

To say £2.1 million will provide 3.5 ambulances, I hope I don't have to wait for the "half" ambulance to arrive. Someone dropped a clanger and they are covering it up by silly excuses. Let the truth come to print.

**A FORMER AMBULANCE CONTROL OFFICER**

## Trust needs to be open

IN response to the recent article concerning West Midlands Ambulance Service NHS Trust being unable to fulfil their commitment to providing a full emergency service within Shropshire.

I am aware that Shropshire ambulances are sent to assist the West Midlands area, thus leaving Shropshire people potentially exposed to lengthy delays.

Was this the situation on the day in question?

I believe the trust has to be open in the way it operates.

**NICK STOKES**  
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Remembrance Day in Chirk. Picture: Rose Pearce.



Geoff Edwards and Tom Jones on parade at Chirk's Remembrance Day event on Sunday.



Air Training Cadets taking part in the Remembrance Day Parade in Oswestry.



Army cadets on parade during Sunday's Remembrance Day ceremony in Oswestry. Picture: Tim Mitchell.

# Towns remember the fallen

**SILENCE** fell across Shropshire and Mid Wales as the region remembered its fallen military heroes from past and current wars on Sunday.

Thousands of people attended events across the area, which joined the rest of the country in falling silent for two minutes as a mark of respect to those who have lost their lives in the military.

Similar scenes were repeated on Monday as shoppers, workers and school children stopped at 11am to mark the annual silence on November 11.

Hundreds lined the streets in Oswestry as the Porthwaen Silver Band led the procession through the town to the war memorial at the Cae Glas Park gates, where the two-minute silence was observed.

The procession then moved into St Oswald's Parish Church for a service taken by the Reverend Simon Thorburn, followed by a parade to the Guildhall.

Mayor of Oswestry Councillor Chris Schofield gave a short speech at the end of

the parade. He said it had been an honour to have a role in the Remembrance Sunday event.

"It was probably the biggest turnout I have seen. St Oswald's Parish Church holds about 800 or so and that was almost full," he said.

"It was a fantastic privilege to be part of, especially with Oswestry being an old garrison town. There were a lot of young people as well and there was a very good turnout."

## Weight

In Welshpool a service and parade took place attended by Montgomeryshire MP Glyn Davies. Mr Davies said on Twitter that there had been a "great turnout" at the event.

He added: "Was thinking through Remembrance Service about weight of MPs decisions to send young to war. Means consequences to remember."

A service also took place in Chirk at St Mary's Parish Church, followed by wreath laying and the silence at the Cenotaph.



Veterans marching during Sunday's Remembrance Day parade through the streets of Welshpool.

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## NEWS

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## College in bid to set up links in Africa

PLANS are being forged for a new link between students at an Oswestry college and an African animal conservation park.

The move will eventually see students from Walford and North Shropshire College given the chance to experience the thrill of being in the presence of wild animals in their natural habitats, animals they might otherwise never get the opportunity to see.

Rupert Hill, deputy head of Faculty for Land Based Studies at the college, will be visiting the Kasanka National Park (KNP) in Zambia at the end of this month to help set up the link.

KNP is Zambia's first National Park under private management, which has an integrated approach to conservation and community development, not only employing local people but providing support to the villages near the park boundary, in particular with health and education.

Mr Hill will be staying as a guest of the Kasanka Trust for 10 days.

The overall aim of the visit is to research the costs and benefits involved in allowing the college to offer an all-inclusive, study tour, to year two animal management students, in May to June next year and on an annual basis thereafter.

## School marks 140 years with a celebration of its history

A VILLAGE school has marked its 140th anniversary by hosting a week-long celebration looking at its history and importance to the community.

Events at West Felton CE Primary School near Oswestry saw children and staff dress up in clothes worn in particular eras over the last 140 years.

Special events were held every afternoon during the week to allow the children to understand and celebrate the history of the school.

A special assembly was also held and the children went in wearing clothes from bygone eras. Headteacher Nicola Maddocks said: "We had a week-long celebration with events happening every afternoon."

"Every class has been looking at a particular era over the last 140 years and have been doing work related to that era."

"The eras have included Victorian times, the modern age and World War Two and the 1920s."

"Every class has been doing work on their era so for example those studying the Victorians have been looking at the toys of the time which they have found really interesting."

"The children have really loved it and it has been an opportunity for them to look at the history of the school and how it is part of the community."

"The school started small but has grown over the years and has now become a huge part of the community, the centre of it really."

"We work with the community and we have a great relationship with parents while the governors are also hugely supportive."

"One of our new governors Roger Hampson is 76 and actually came to the school when he was a child so that shows the role the school has played and continues to play in the community."

"As part of the celebrations a member of staff has also constructed a prayer tree which will see every child at the school put their handprint and a prayer on."



West Felton School pupils celebrate the milestone, Millie Forsyth, four, William Davies, eight and Leah Burke, six. Picture: Peter Shah.

## NEWS

in brief

## Choir concert to help good causes

CANTORION Colin Jones Male Voice Choir will be presenting a concert at Theatre Cymru in Llandudno in aid of three good causes near to Oswestry.

Proceeds from the event on Sunday will be split between Whittington Cricket & Bowling Club, Whittington Parish Church and Nightingale House Hospice, Wrexham.

The concert will feature soprano Gwawr Edwards and Welsh opera singer Rhys Meirion.

Doors open at 7pm for 7.30pm. Tickets (01492) 872000 or at [www.clwyd-theatre-cymru.co.uk](http://www.clwyd-theatre-cymru.co.uk) They are £21 and £23.

## Puppet show for the over threes

TWO well known children's stories will be mixed together at a puppet show for children.

Noisy Oyster will tell the story of The Three Billy Pigs using puppets and music on Saturday.

The hour-long show starts at 11am and is suitable for children aged three and older. Tickets, £5, call (01691) 677388.

## Candlelit concert

CANTIONES choir from Oswestry will celebrate Christmas with a candlelit concert of festive music on December 14, at 7.30pm at Christ Church, Oswestry. Tickets £9, visit [www.cantiones.org.uk](http://www.cantiones.org.uk) or call (01691) 238227.

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**Walkers to enjoy tea and cake treat**

VAN Evans will lead Welshpool Ramblers on a seven-and-a-half mile walk in the Arddleen area on Sunday.

The route will include the canal towpath, Offa's Dyke Path and quiet country lanes.

For those preferring a shorter walk, a five-and-a-half-mile option is available.

Walkers should meet at 9.30am in the upper part of the Church Street car park in Welshpool or 9.45am at the start of the walk at Wentworth in Arddleen (SY22 6PX).

Tea and cake will be provided at the end of the walk. All welcome, but no dogs allowed.

Further information can be obtained on (01938) 590307.

**Meeting date for U3A group**

THE next meeting of Welshpool and District University of the Third Age will be held on December 3.

The meeting will be held at Church House, Church Street, Welshpool, and doors will open at 9.45am for a 10.30am start.

At the last meeting, members were given a talk with slides by Dewi Davies, senior warden for Snowdonia North.

# 28-year-old charged after train hit tractor on the line

**A 28-YEAR-old man has been charged in connection with a train and tractor crash which happened near Welshpool.**

Ifan Gwyn Evans, of Llanfihangel, near Llanfyllin, has been charged with endangering the safety of persons using the railway following a crash between a train and a tractor trailer at Buttington, near Welshpool, on July 16.

Huw Waghorn, spokesman for British Transport Police (BTP) said Evans will appear at Welshpool Magistrates Court on November 26.

He said: "I can confirm that Ifan Gwyn Evans, 28, of Llanfihangel, Llanfyllin, Powys, was charged on Friday with endangering the safety of persons using the railway. "This follows an incident on the railway at Buttington, Welshpool, on July 16."

Up to 200 passengers on board the Arriva Trains Wales Birmingham to Aberystwyth service were helped from the train after the collision at the rear of the dairy farm at Buttington Old Hall.

The tractor driver and the train driver were both shaken and in shock, but otherwise uninjured.

The train managed to stay upright and on the tracks despite the high-impact collision, with some damage to its front.

**Hedge**  
At the time one onlooker said: "The tractor ended up in a hedge and the trailer was catapulted 20 metres down the track."

"The train appears to have hit the trailer rather than the tractor which is probably why the driver is still alive. A split second earlier and he'd have been dead."

Bob Gittins, landlord of the nearby Green Dragon Inn, was walking his dog with his wife and saw the aftermath of the drama.

The 60-year-old said: "It happened in the field next to our pub. We heard the train coming as normal, but then a big thud and smoke everywhere."

"We turned round and saw the train screeching to a halt."

Some minor injuries were reported and two people were taken to hospital.

by Graham Breeze

## Drivers invited on workshop

OLDER drivers in the Welshpool and Llanfyllin areas are being invited to attend a workshop to learn about safer driving.

The Mature Motoring workshop, which is available free of charge for senior drivers, is being run by Powys County Council's Road Safety Unit.

The unit works towards achieving national and local targets for reducing collisions and casualties on Powys' roads through education, training and publicity for all road users.

The workshops, which take place during December and January, are two-hour informal courses focussing on issues such as driving licence requirements, personal safety while driving, winter driving, the dangers of drink driving and medication and not wearing a seatbelt.

The workshops will take place in Llanfyllin on December 11 at 10am and Welshpool on December 13 at 1pm at venues to be confirmed. Call 07909 895346.

## Club's work goes on display



Linda Hill from Newtown Library taking a look at some of the work on display.

WORK by members of Welshpool Camera Club is on display at Newtown Library.

The photographs have been taken by many of the club's senior members and will be on display at the library throughout November.

Club chairman Pete Coleby said: "We have had regular exhibitions at the tourist information centre and library in Welshpool

in the past. Many of our members come from the Newtown area so we thought it would be good to show off some of their work in the town. There is no camera club or photographic society in Newtown and the library agreed to give us space to show off some of the work."

Visit [www.welshpoolcameraclub.org.uk](http://www.welshpoolcameraclub.org.uk)

## Die-cast firm sees sales up by 11.5pc

WELSHPOOL-based die-cast experts Dynacast has announced that it will continue to create die-cast parts for the music and entertainment mega-brand Apple.

The company has been working with Apple for a number of years and the continued relationship has further boosted Dynacast's 2013 results, which have seen net sales rise 11.5 per cent from 2012.

The Offa's Dyke Business Park-based firm manufactures the anodised aluminium frames for the Apple iPod. The frames are created in cold chamber machines which are designed to handle metals which have a higher melting point such as aluminium.

Apple's design and Dynacast's die-casting capabilities mean that iPods can be extremely lightweight and strong with a smooth finish.

Mike Brettell, Dynacast UK's managing director, said: "The continued work with customers such as Apple is testimony to the fact that although not often seen as a dynamic industry, die-casting is used to create vital parts for industries which are leading the way in pioneering technologies."

Dynacast works with a number of high profile electrical brands including Dell, LG, Hitachi, Siemens and Sony.

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# Castle garden's secrets will be unlocked at lunch

## Globe sells for £3,300



The three inch diameter Cary's pocket globe, which was discovered in the Welshpool area.

A TINY three inch diameter Cary's pocket globe, discovered in the Welshpool area, sold for £3,300 at a leading fine art auction house.

The globe, which was made in 1791 and was in its original black fish skin covered case, sold to an online bidder in Australia at Halls' November auction in Shrewsbury.

Titled "Cary's pocket globe, agreeable to the latest discoveries, London pub.d by J & W Cary, Strand, Apr 1 1791", it was applied with 12 hand coloured copper engraved gores showing the tracks of 'Cook's Three Voyages' and that of 'Constantine Phipps' Voyage to the North'. Halls' fine art director

Jeremy Lamond said he was delighted with the price achieved at auction for the globe.

"It's the sort of thing that is often overlooked by people in terms of value because it's so small," he added. "They might unwittingly have one in a drawer. If so, we would be delighted to hear from them."

"These globes are made of paper, plaster and papier-mache and are of their time, in that the detail of the world is as it was when they were made and they can be quite quirky. "As a general rule, the smaller things are and the more exquisitely they are made, the more valuable they become."

by Graham Breeze

MANY of the secrets that have made Powis Castle's gardens among the best in Britain will be unlocked at a lunch held at the National Trust property next month.

Gardener Edwin VanHulzen will reveal all as part of Powis Castle's lecture lunch programme on December 3, sharing the secrets of its world-famous herbaceous borders.

Edwin's talk will focus on different aspects of the famous borders including how they were developed, how they change throughout the year and what 'behind the scenes' jobs are carried out to ensure they continue to be as spectacular as ever.

He will also reveal some top tips to make home borders as "blossom' spectacular" as the castle's.

### Experience

Ruth Scutter, assistant visitor services manager, said: "This is a great opportunity for garden enthusiasts to pick up some great tips that they can take home to try on their own gardens."

"Edwin VanHulzen, Borders Supervisor, has worked at the property for 20 years so he has a wealth of experience and knowledge to share."

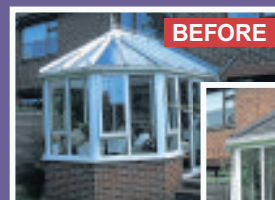
The lecture, starting at 11am, costs £9.50 per person and includes a hot lunch which will be served at 12.15pm.

Booking is essential as space is limited. To book a place please, contact [ruth.scutter@nationaltrust.org.uk](mailto:ruth.scutter@nationaltrust.org.uk) or call 01938 551929.

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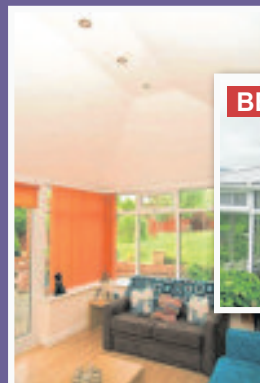
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## Ex-armed forces to get help with jobs

ARMED forces personnel who have been made redundant could find a job in Powys through a new scheme being launched by the Mid Wales Manufacturing Group.

It is developing links with people losing their jobs with the forces and employers in the county in a bid to get them back into work.

The MWMG said it will be a great way to bring new skills into Mid Wales, while also helping those who have left the military.

Ceri Stephens, MWMG manager, said the project was still in the early stages, but said talks had already taken place with David Cameron in a bid to get the scheme up and running.

She said: "As well as trying to attract skills into the region, MWMG is also able to help arrange civilian work attachments, which enable armed forces leavers to spend time with a potential employer, whilst being paid by the military."

## Messy church

ST Oswald's Parish Church in Oswestry will hold a messy church meeting tonight (Thursday) from 4pm to 6pm. The afternoon will take place in the parish centre and will include craft, songs, refreshments and all are welcome.

# Doctor Who library display is labour of love for Martin

**OSWESTRY Library is celebrating 50 years of Doctor Who with a special display throughout this month with the exhibits coming from an unlikely source.**

Councillor Martin Bennett, who is better known for his work serving the public on Oswestry Town Council and Shropshire Council, is a self-confessed Whovian.

He has assembled the display which follows a similar exhibition he hosted at the library when he was the librarian in Oswestry at the time of the 10th anniversary of the successful BBC TV show.

by Iain St John

## Cash offer for young farmers

**YOUNG farming entrepreneurs in Wales looking to set up on their own for the first time could be able to claim a grant of up to £15,000 – but they have only days left to apply.**

The Young Entrants Support Scheme (YESS) is now open and eligible young farmers under the age of 40 have until November 22 to make their applications.

The scheme has been launched by the Welsh Assembly in a bid to get more youngsters into the farming industry.

Kathryn Lewis, a land agent with Davis Meade Property Consultants, based in Oswestry, said it helps people with their applications.

She said: "The applicant will be required as part of the application to submit a business development plan in which it must be demonstrated that the holding will be viable within five years after entry into the YESS."

The councillor confessed he had been a fan for a long time with his favourite Doctor being William Hartnell, the first actor to play the role.

Councillor Bennett said: "For me he represents the essential Doctor and there was always so much mystery around him at the beginning. And there was time for proper story-telling even if the sets were cardboard and string."

### Information

"The modern series seem to start with the special effects and spectacular sets, but the story-telling often seems lacking."

The display in the library includes a list of all the adventures of the classic Doctors, together with pictures of his later incarnations including Paul McGann who starred in a TV movie and the "forgotten Doctor" Peter Cushing who took the lead role in two big screen films "Dr Who and the Daleks" and "Daleks Invasion Earth 2150AD".

Also featured are the Doctors' enemies, including the Daleks and of course The Master as well as information on allies UNIT, The Last Great Time War, the Time Lords' home planet of Gallifrey, and the Tardis, backed by examples of the books, DVDs, comics and merchandising.

Despite his reservations on how the Doctor has developed, Councillor Bennett says he will be at the Attfield Theatre in Oswestry's Guildhall on November 23 for a 3D screening of *The Day of the Doctor*.



Cllr. Martin Bennett with a new Dr Who exhibition at Oswestry library.

## MP steps in over concerns for toilets

THE MP for Montgomeryshire has stepped in to try to ensure Llanfyllin's public toilets are brought up to a decent standard before being handed over to the town council.

Powys County Council is closing all public toilets across the county as part of its budget cuts. Llanfyllin Town Council has confirmed that it will take over the running of the town's public toilets, but is having to do so before longstanding problems with the toilet's drainage have been dealt with, posing a significant cost to the Town Council.

MP Glyn Davies met with Mayor Ann Williams and Cllr Peter Lewis recently to discuss the situation, agreeing to write to Powys Council. He said: "Llanfyllin is a significant town in Montgomeryshire, and an attractive location for visitors. We cannot have a situation where public toilets are not available in the town of Llanfyllin."

"I understand that Powys Council is under financial pressure and has to take unpopular decisions about public services."

He added: "But I do think that serious faults should be dealt with before transfer. There is a longstanding problem with drainage at the Llanfyllin public toilets, which I hope the county council will consider fixing."

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## Lunch date is boost for unit appeal

A CHARITY lunch held by a group of friends raised £1,715 to support an appeal launched by the county's orthopaedic hospital.

The cash was raised by a team of willing volunteers, prepared and served a buffet lunch for 150 people, at Ellesmere Town Hall on November 1.

Janet Rowland, one of the Otley ladies, explained the purpose of the group. She said: "We are group of independent ladies who run three fundraising events per year. One of these events is our £10 per head charity lunch at Ellesmere Town Hall. We try to raise money for different charities each year, and this year decided that we would support the Bone Cancer Centre Appeal at the orthopaedic hospital."

The charity lunch is so popular that the ladies do not even advertise it.

# Knife warning after teen is locked up over death

**POLICE have warned of the dangers of carrying knives after an Oswestry teenager was jailed for manslaughter.**

Richard Reece, 19, was locked up for 12 years for killing 21-year-old Danny Jones by stabbing him with an ornamental sword modelled on The Lord of the Rings films in a fight in Oswestry.

Detective Inspector Steve Tonks, who led the investigation for West Mercia Police, said he hoped the sentence would be a discouragement to others against using knives as weapons.

"This incident demonstrates, yet again, that the carrying of knives or other bladed weapons runs a huge risk of ending in tragic consequences," he said.

"What started as an argument and developed into a scuffle, resulted in a young man losing his life because a blade was produced."

"Reece left the scene to arm himself and the moment he took the sword back to confront Danny, there was always the risk of a fatal outcome."

"This case sends out a clear message about violent crime and those prepared to arm themselves with weapons. Anyone carrying a knife or similar bladed instrument as a weapon will be arrested, charged and put before the courts."

"They can expect a lengthy prison sentence."

Reece, of Lord Street, Oswestry, denied murdering trainee accountant Mr Jones, of Chirk, during a fight in April this year but was convicted of manslaughter on Wednesday.

by **Graham Breeze**

day following a two week trial at Birmingham Crown Court.

A victim impact statement read out in court said that Mr Jones' mother had described her life as having been "turned upside down, inside out and stamped on".

Reece will serve at least half of his 12 year sentence.

## Rare

DI Tonks said knife crime is relatively rare within the West Mercia Police area - which covers Shropshire, Hereford and Worcester - but said that is no reason to become complacent.

"There are regular headlines across the country about deaths and serious injuries as a result of knife crime," he said.

"We urge people to listen to the police and others when they issue warnings and advice about carrying knives."

"There is never any excuse for using them as a weapon."



The knife used in the death of Danny Jones.

## New president for club

ELLESMERE Probus Club has installed John Scorer as the new president at its annual meeting.

Mr Scorer told the meeting he was looking forward to another successful year.

Richard Williams, retiring president, said the past year had been a success.

David Edgington, who served as programme secretary during the past year, was appointed vice-president.

Graham Stanford returns to the role of secretary following several months away from the area. Michael Judge continues as treasurer, Brian Griffiths carries on as social secretary and Ant Astley stays in charge of publicity. John Shone, assistant programme secretary for the past year, steps up to programme secretary, with Ian Hutchings as his assistant.

Richard Williams was appointed almoner.

## Residents raise cash at coffee morning

RESIDENTS of Yorkfields in Oswestry raised £160 from their charity coffee morning for Macmillan Cancer Support.

The event was hosted by Shropshire Towns and Rural Housing, which took over the running of council homes in Oswestry and Bridgnorth earlier this year.

The fundraiser was held at the community centre at Yorkfields Sheltered Scheme, and was part of Macmillan's World's Biggest Coffee Morning. The nationwide event encouraged people and organisations to host a coffee morning, with all the donations going to the charity. The coffee morning included a variety of activities, including cake stalls, quizzes, and bingo.

Chris Leek, community support services manager at Shropshire Towns and Rural Housing, said: "The Macmillan coffee morning at Yorkfields Sheltered Scheme was a great success, and I am delighted that we have raised £160 to support a very worthy cause."

## Santa's early visit to town



Volunteer Mike Rowe was on hand to greet Father Christmas at the Cambrian Heritage Railway.

FATHER Christmas made an early visit to Oswestry this week to check the train times for his Santa Special services.

The big man will be spending three weekends at the Cambrian Heritage Railway in Oswestry in the run up to Christmas.

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Sundays will see Santa move to a grotto at Llynclys station. Visitors will be invited to board the train at the station and travel to Pen-y-garreg halt, where Santa will be taking up residence in a grotto inside one of the railway's carriages.

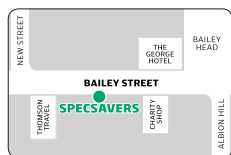
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## Affordable homes moves by council

A COUNCIL on the Shropshire border is performing well in how it provides care and economic development services but is struggling to provide affordable homes, a new report has revealed.

Wrexham Council, which covers communities on the Shropshire border including Chirk and the Ceiriog Valley, has published its performance report from 2012/13.

Although the authority is performing well in many sectors, the lack of affordable homes in the area remains a concern.

It was only able to provide 21 affordable homes in the county borough in 12 months.

The report said the council was doing well in helping to create economic development.

It says: "Despite the global recession, overall visitor spend in Wrexham remains high, the town centre continues to have fewer empty shops than the national average and, although investment in physical regeneration is below target, development of the Western Gateway is progressing well."

"This development will improve a key entry point to the town and access to the Wrexham technology park as the link road has done for Wrexham Industrial Estate."

And the council is doing well in delivering care to vulnerable people, the report says.

It says: "Good progress continues to be made in this area with an increase in carers telling us that the help that they receive from adult social care is meeting their needs." One area which does need improvement is in housing, the reports says.

It says: "Fewer affordable homes were delivered than anticipated due to delays in the completion of properties on the Kingsmills Road and Rivulet Road sites."

### Focus

"There has been a completion of 33 further units in early 2013/14 and there will be a delivery of significantly more units as these sites near completion."

"Homeless prevention activities were not as effective as we would have liked in 2012/13. In order to address this, there has been an increased focus on homeless prevention which has resulted in a significant improvement for early 2013."

"It is recognised that there will need to be a continued focus on prevention in order to mitigate the effects of the Welfare Reforms."



## WINE &amp; DINE

# Indian restaurant wins top Asian food award



With the award, from left, are Abdul Goni and joint owners and managers Emran Hussain and Ambor Ali.

**MAAHIS**, an Indian restaurant on the Ruabon bypass between Oswestry and Wrexham, has been named the best Asian food establishment in North and Mid Wales.

The Asian Food Awards ceremony last month awarded recognition to the finest Asian food establishments, culinary teams, and innovative ideas across Wales and the West.

Emran Hussain, owner and manager of Maahis, said: "I am extremely

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proud that Maahis has taken the Mid and North Wales Award for the best restaurant.

"It was an absolute delight to be part of The Asian Food Awards and I would like to thank the team at Maahis in making it possible for us to be a winner."

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## CHRISTMAS

# Older people face lonely Christmas

by Graham Breeze

**ONE** in every 25 pensioners is facing Christmas alone this year, a poll suggests.

Some four per cent of people aged 65 and over say they will be alone over the festive period, according to Age UK.

Extrapolating the figures, the charity estimates that 450,000 older people across the UK will be by themselves over Christmas.

The poll of 1,100 people aged 65 and over from across the UK found that 26 per cent are not looking forward to December 25.

Of these, 17 per cent said the festive period brought back too many memories of those who had passed away.

Caroline Abrahams, charity director of Age UK, said: "As we head towards Christmas this is a chilling outlook for too many older people."

### Concerning

"What's even more concerning is that the majority of older people facing Christmas alone are aged 80 or over, making them the most vulnerable and at risk at this time of year."

"People's social networks often shrink due to life-changing events such as retirement and bereavement which can increase the risk of feeling lonely, and we are extremely concerned that this - coupled with ongoing cuts to local authority budgets - means that even more older people will feel lonely this winter."

Ms Abrahams urged people to put any isolated older people in contact with the charity.

She also urged people to check on an elderly neighbour or relative, giving them something to look forward to.



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## CHRISTMAS

# Familiar names in top 50 list of toys for Christmas



Youngsters enjoying games at home – but what are the dream toys for this Christmas?

SANTA, take note – the annual Dream Toys list has been announced, revealing the games, gadgets and play-things expected to top kids' wish-lists this Christmas.

Scanning the top 50 list of toys expected to be best-sellers this Christmas, there are a few familiar names, like Lego and Monopoly. They've stood the test of time.

On closer inspection though, while the brands and concepts might be the same, these toys are not replicas of the ones we played as kids. Things have changed, rather a lot, and toys are a little more hi-tech today. "Everything

has evolved," says Gary Grant, chair of the Dream Toys committee which compiles the list. "Nothing on this list is exactly the same as it was years ago, when you or I were young.

"Yes, Lego's on there, but it's not the same Lego we played with. Back then, the developments we saw were things like window panes and roofing panels – now things are far more advanced."

#### The top 10 list in alphabetical order is:

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**Centre is hosting fair in aid of castle**

A COMMUNITY centre has come to the rescue of a fundraising fair after fears bad weather would prevent it from going ahead on Sunday.

Members of Whittington Community Centre, near Oswestry, have offered to host a Christmas gift fair in aid of the village's castle.

Castle manager Sue Ellis said: "Last year this event was outside at the castle with the help of marquees from various local organisations."

"This year the ground is just too wet, but the community centre has come to our rescue and we will be holding our Christmas gift event with their help."

"It is a great chance to browse the stalls and choose a gift and to help Whittington Castle, and with the community pulling together this event will go ahead as planned."

Stalls will be selling cakes, sweets, crackers, jewellery, cards and gifts to help raise funds for Whittington Castle.

Refreshments will be on sale and seasonal music will be played live in the afternoon.

Parking will be available at the neighbouring school and admission is free.

The fair will take place on Sunday from 10am to 4pm.

**TV show turns Iceland boss into new cult hero**

CEO of Iceland Foods Malcolm Walker.

**HE'S BUILT a business empire after setting up his first store in Oswestry, and now Malcolm Walker is coming to terms with his new role – as a TV star.**

The boss of Iceland has become an unlikely cult hero after a documentary about the store became one of BBC2's biggest hits of the year.

He is also celebrating after managing to pull off a free three-hour advert watched by more than two million, which is expected to boost sales before Christmas.

But that doesn't mean the 67-year-old is totally happy. Given that the programme, Iceland: Life in the Freezer



The first Iceland shop which Malcolm Walker opened in Oswestry.

by Thom Kennedy

trained a lens on everyday life at chain Iceland, with staff singing, dancing, and enjoying all manner of assorted high-jinks and tom-foolery, it's odd to hear the company's boss complain that it made the place look a bit dull.

"I wish they could have shown more of the fun atmosphere," Mr Walker says, without a trace of irony piercing his thick Yorkshire burr, as he looks back on the three-episode series which concluded last week.

"They didn't show the half of it really," he adds. "They must have done hundreds of hours of filming, but they had

to boil it down to three. People have told me they didn't shop here before, but will do now. One shot of the factory in Thailand showed that it's like an operating theatre, better than England by a mile, and I think that quality aspect has come across."

Fun is an odd concept in the workplace – the company sing-song, the dancing onstage with Jason Donovan – it all looks a tiny bit like the idea of enjoying yourself while you're grafting at the till is forced on staff.

It was a risk for Mr Walker that could easily have backfired. But the show was a critical success, was a ratings hit and a PR triumph for Iceland, which was founded in Oswestry in 1970.

**Brunch set to raise cash for hospice**

A BRUNCH event combining food and music organised by Oswestry Chamber of Commerce will be held to raise funds for Hope House Children's Hospice.

The brunch will be hosted by The Willow Eatery at the Willow Gallery in Oswestry from 11am on Sunday.

On the menu will be a glass of bucks fizz or orange juice and a choice of scrambled egg and smoked salmon muffin, or bacon, pancake and maple syrup stack, or pancakes, fruit and yoghurt.

Music will be provided by the band Little Red Bird and all money raised will go to Hope House.

The event is part of Hope House's corporate challenge. To complete the challenge, businesses are lent £50 and asked to use it to make as much money as they can in 90 days to give back to the charity.

Tickets are £15. For more information contact Heather Noble on (01691) 700800.

**Film screening**

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## Roomy village residence with magnificent gardens

An attractive, extremely spacious four-bedroom detached house is on the market with Parry Lowarch at a guide price of £429,500.

The Forge, Cross Lanes, Melverley, includes a huge detached quad garage, wonderful gardens, a paddock and wildlife area set in around 1.8 acres.

With a recently installed electric Aga, dual fuel modern range cooker, woodburner and superb summerhouse/cabin, it briefly comprises a mag-

nificent reception hall, living room, sitting/dining room, large kitchen/breakfast room, utility, cloaks/wc, master bedroom with ensuite, three further bedrooms, family bathroom, gas central heating and double glazing.

In more detail the entrance hall has oak flooring and an attractive staircase. The living room has a deep brick fireplace with woodburner, while the sitting/dining room has a period-style wooden fire surround and an open fire.

Upstairs, the bathroom has an attractive white Heritage suite including a double ended bath with a glass shower screen, ladder towel rail/radiator and fully tiled walls.

To the front is a wide splayed entrance to a large gravelled parking area, while the beautifully landscaped rear gardens include a vegetable plot. For more details or to arrange a viewing, contact Parry Lowarch on 01743 343343 or visit the website [www.parrylowarch.co.uk](http://www.parrylowarch.co.uk)



## Extended period home includes large annexe

A tastefully extended, much improved period end terraced home with an annexe is on sale for offers over £270,000 with no chain. Number 14 Victoria Road, Oswestry, comprises an entrance lobby, reception hall, living room with logburner, dining room with panelled walls, and spacious breakfast kitchen with a door to the basement. There is also a utility/annexe entrance, shower room, annexe kitchen/dining room, landing, three bedrooms, bathroom, annexe living/bedroom, and second floor attic room (used as a master bedroom). To the front, a wide gated driveway leads to a large garage with storage over, a garden room, patio and workshop/store. Call Richmond Harvey on 01691 654222 to arrange a viewing.



## Refurbished rural retreat offers magnificent views

For sale at a guide price of £400,000, Bryn Paenod, Llanfechain, is a five-bedroom country home with outstanding views. The detached property is set in a large garden and has been extensively refurbished by the current owners. The accommodation is well appointed throughout with oil-fired central heating and double glazing. There is a breakfast kitchen with range cooker, drawing room, sun room, inner hall, study/utility, lounge, cloakroom and library. An open staircase leads to a galleried landing off which are two bedrooms and a bathroom. Three further bedrooms and a bathroom are reached via the original staircase which rises to the main landing. Call JJ Dell & Co on 01691 653437 or visit [www.jjdell.co.uk](http://www.jjdell.co.uk) to view.



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## RICHMOND HARVEY

### Ball Lane, Maesbury



Enjoying a delightful elevated riverside setting, Richmond Harvey Properties are delighted to release this deceptively spacious 3 double bedroom detached country home which briefly comprises: Entrance Hall, Dining Room, Living Room, Kitchen, Utility, Ground Floor Bathroom, First Floor Landing, Three Double Bedrooms, Cloakroom, Oil Fired Central Heating, PVC Double Glazing, Driveway Providing Ample Off Road Parking, Garage and Gardens. Viewing Fully recommended. EPC RATING E

Offers in Region of £225,000

### Porth-Y-Waen



●●PART EXCHANGE CONSIDERED!!●●A tastefully improved 3 bedroom detached country residence which offers excellent private equestrian facilities set in approximately 2.5 acres of gardens, pastureland and a menage. The property briefly comprises: Entrance Hall, Living Room with feature fireplace, Dining Room, Inner Lobby, Cloakroom, Kitchen, Utility, Inner Hall, Side Lobby, First Floor Landing, Three Bedrooms, Re-Fitted Bathroom, Oil Fired Central Heating, Long gravel driveway leading to ample parking provision/turning, Stabling and Workshop. Viewing Fully Recommended. EPC RATING F

Offers in Region of £299,950



### Oak Drive, Oswestry

●●PRICED TO SELL●● Mature detached family house which enjoys a pleasant cul-de-sac position with, PVC Double Glazing where stated, Gas Fired Central Heating, Dual Entrance Driveway providing extensive parking, Carport and Gardens. MUST BE SEEN. EPC RATING D

Offers in Region of £249,500



### Hillside, Pant

4 bed detached with views over the village and Plain beyond: Reception Hall, Living Room, Dining Room, Kitchen, Utility, 1st Floor Landing, 4 Bedrooms, Shower Room, Oil Fired CH, PVC DG where stated, Parking and Terraced Gardens. Viewing Fully Recommended. EPC RATING E

Offers in Region of £220,000



### Ifton Fields, St Martins

●●OFFERS INVITED ●● Enjoying a pleasant cul-de-sac location a most well appointed and deceptively spacious 2 bed mid terraced property which needs to be viewed to appreciate the excellent accommodation. EPC RATING C

Offers in Region of £113,950



### Bwlch-y-ddar, Llangedwyn

4 bedroom detached smallholding set in approx 8 acres enjoying far reaching countryside views with, Oil Fired Central Heating, Cottage style garden, Open Fronted Workshop, Car Port and Two Grass Paddocks. Viewing Recommended. EPC RATING F

Offers in Region of £375,000



### Victoria Road, Oswestry

Deceptively spacious character 4 bedroom Victorian town house with separate living space, Gated Driveway, large purpose built garage with useful storage over, Garden Room, Workshop/Store & Log Store. NO CHAIN! EPC RATING D

Offers Over £270,000



### Woolston Road, West Felton

Tastefully improved 2/3 bedroom detached bungalow offers excellent internal accommodation and a generous plot with surrounding countryside aspect with separate annexe bedroom, Gravel driveway, Garage and surrounding gardens. A must see property. EPC RATING E

Offers in Region of £270,000



### Wern, Llanymynech

4 bedroom detached edge of village residence which enjoys truly delightful views and landscaped gardens of approximately 0.25 acre with Oil Fired Central Heating, Driveway providing ample off road parking and Double Garage. Viewing Fully Recommended. EPC RATING D

Offers in Region of £295,000



### Cae Onan, Morda

Constructed during 2009, 5 bedroom executive detached house which enjoys a pleasant position on this popular edge of village development with Gas Fired Central Heating, PVC Double Glazing, Driveway, Garage and Gardens. NHBC Guarantee. VIEWING RECOMMENDED. EPC RATING C

Offers in Region of £224,950



### Maes Myllin, Llanfyllin

Deceptively spacious two double bedroom modern detached bungalow which has the benefit of a detached double garage, most attractively landscaped gardens and rooftop views. Viewing Fully Recommended. EPC RATING C

Offers in Region of £220,000



### Four Crosses, Powys

A modern deceptively spacious 3 bedroom detached family home with: Oil Fired Central Heating, PVC Double Glazing, Driveway providing ample off-road parking/turning, Garage and Gardens. Internal Viewing Fully Recommended. EPC RATING E

Offers in Region of £219,950



### Cranbrook Drive, Oswestry

Four bedroom detached bungalow: Entrance Hall, Kitchen, Side Porch, WC, Living and Dining Rooms, Inner Hall, 4 Bedrooms, Family Bathroom, driveway, Garage and further outbuilding, attractive surrounding landscaped gardens. No Onward Chain. EPC RATING D

Offers in Region of £204,950



### The Meadows, Gobowen

2 bedroom detached bungalow enjoying a pleasant cul-de-sac location and conveniently placed for local village amenities. Property comprises: Entrance Hall, Re-fitted Kitchen, Bathroom, Driveway providing ample off-street parking, carport and garage, Gardens front and rear. NO CHAIN. EPC RATING F

Offers in Region Of £144,950



### Buckingham Cl, Oswestry

Two bedroom detached bungalow comprising: Entrance Hall, Lounge/Dining Room, Kitchen, Utility, Two Double Bedrooms, Bathroom, Double Glazing, Gas Fired Central Heating, Driveway, Detached Garage and Gardens. Viewing Fully Recommended. EPC RATING D

Offers in Region of £163,500



### Four Crosses, Powys

5 bed detached farmhouse which benefits from traditional outbuildings to include: which both have planning permission for conversion together with a further range of outbuildings to include workshop, stabling and useful storage. Set in approx 1.8 acres. EPC RATING G

Offers in region of £620,000



### Victoria Road, Oswestry

Offering a wealth of character features and enjoying a much sought after location, Richmond Harvey Properties are delighted to release this most spacious period five bedroom detached family residence. EPC RATING D

Offers in Region of £350,000



### Tregarthen Lane, Pant

Split level 4 bedroom detached residence which enjoys delightful views over the Shropshire plain with Oil Fired Central Heating, PVC Double Glazing, Driveway providing extensive parking, Double Garage, gardens. NO CHAIN. EPC RATING D

Offers in Region of £345,000



### High Street, Weston Rhyn

●●NO CHAIN●● 5 bed period detached village residence with 4 reception rooms lending itself to bed and breakfast/guest house potential. Generous Gardens, Two Single Garages and Driveway. Viewing Recommended. EPC RATING F

Offers in Region of £337,000



### St Martins Road, Gobowen

4 bedroom detached house which enjoys a pleasant edge of village location and well planned accommodation with Generous neatly landscaped gardens with delightful views, Double Garage and Parking. MUST BE SEEN. EPC RATING C

Offers Over £300,000



### Pool Quay

A rare opportunity to purchase a traditional attached former farm building with full planning permission (No M97071) for conversion into a superior 5/6 bedroom family home. Viewing recommended. NO EPC AVAILABLE

Price Guide £285,000



### Holly Grange, Rhoswiel

4 bedroom detached family house with Gas Fired Central Heating, Double Glazing, Double Width Driveway, Double Garage and Neatly Landscaped Gardens. MUST BE SEEN. EPC RATING D

Offers in Region of £245,000



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**NEW PRICE**  
**Arddeleen** **WINDY RIDGE**  
3 BED DET BUNGALOW  
2 RECEPTION ROOMS  
KITCHEN/ DINER  
EPC RATING E  
**OIRO £319,950**



**NEW**  
**Morton, Oswestry** **THE OLD SCHOOL HOUSE**  
4 BED SEMI-DET BUNGALOW  
2 RECEPTION ROOMS  
PERIOD FEATURES  
EPC RATING G  
**OIRO £299,950**



**NEW**  
**Porth-y-waen** **HAULFRYN**  
3 BED DET HOUSE  
NO CHAIN  
EQUINE FACILITIES  
EPC RATING F  
**OIRO £299,950**



**Oswestry** **THE MATRONS HOUSE**  
3 BED DETACHED HOUSE  
NO CHAIN  
2 RECEPTION ROOMS  
EPC RATING E  
**OIRO £269,950**



**Oswestry** **46 FERRERS ROAD**  
3 BED DET HOUSE  
2 RECEPTION ROOMS  
GAS CHN  
EPC RATING D  
**OIRO £239,950**



**Gobowen** **AVALON**  
3 BED DORMA BUNGALOW  
NO CHAIN  
2 RECEPTION ROOMS  
EPC RATING F  
**OIRO £229,950**



**NEW**  
**Oswestry** **1 OLD MILL AVENUE**  
3 BED DET HOUSE  
2 RECEPTION ROOMS  
CONSERVATORY  
EPC RATING C  
**OIRO £224,950**



**Maesbury** **PAINT MILL COTTAGE**  
3 BED DET HOUSE  
NO CHAIN  
PART-EX CONSIDERED  
EPC RATING F  
**OIRO £222,000**



**Oswestry** **85 CABIN LANE**  
4 BED DET HOUSE  
2 RECEPTION ROOMS  
CONSERVATORY  
EPC RATING D  
**OIRO £214,950**



**Llanymynech** **COED Y LADE**  
3/4 BED DET BUNGALOW  
NO CHAIN  
2 RECEPTION ROOMS  
EPC RATING D  
**OFFERS OVER £184,950**



**Oswestry** **123 MIDDLETON ROAD**  
3 BED DET DORMER BUNG  
NO CHAIN  
2 RECEPTION ROOMS  
EPC RATING E  
**OIRO £179,950**



**NEW**  
**Oswestry** **66 UPPER CHURCH STREET**  
3 BED TOWN HOUSE  
NO CHAIN  
KITCHEN/DINER  
EPC TBC  
**OIRO £174,950**



**Oswestry** **2 UPPER WELL CLOSE**  
3 BED TOWN HOUSE  
NO CHAIN  
DOWNSTAIRS WC  
EPC RATING C  
**OIRO £169,995**



**Treflach Oswestry** **4 OFFA HOUSE**  
3 BED DET BUNGALOW  
NO CHAIN  
MOTIVATED SELLER  
EPC RATING E  
**OIRO £169,950**



**NEW**  
**Oswestry** **9 HENLEY DRIVE**  
3 BED DET HOUSE  
NO CHAIN  
2 RECEPTION ROOMS  
EPC RATING D  
**OIRO £165,950**



**NEW**  
**Llanymynech** **20 LLWYN PERTHI**  
3 BED DET HOUSE  
KITCHEN/ DINER  
MASTER BEDROOM EN SUITE  
EPC RATING D  
**OIRO £164,950**



**NEW**  
**Oswestry** **88 MIDDLETON ROAD**  
3 BED DET HOUSE  
NO CHAIN  
2 RECEPTION ROOMS  
EPC RATING E  
**OFFERS OVER £159,999**



**NEW PRICE**  
**Oswestry** **HOLMLEA, CHIRK ROAD**  
3 BED SEMI DET HOUSE  
2 RECEPTION ROOMS  
GAS CENTRAL HEATING  
EPC RATING D  
**OIRO £159,950**



**Oswestry** **12 BERESFORD GARDENS**  
2 BED MID TERRACE  
NO CHAIN  
MODERN KITCHEN/DINER  
EPC RATING C  
**OIRO £154,950**



**Oswestry** **35 GATACRE ROAD**  
3 BED MID TERRACE HOUSE  
2 RECEPTION ROOMS  
MODERN KITCHEN  
EPC RATING D  
**OIRO £149,950**



**NEW PRICE**  
**Gobowen** **8 TRINITY CLOSE**  
3 BED SEMI-DET HOUSE  
NO CHAIN  
EN-SUITE MASTER BEDROOM  
EPC RATING C  
**OIRO £144,950**



**NEW PRICE**  
**Oswestry** **45 BROOKHOUSE ROAD**  
3 BED SEMI-DETACHED HOUSE  
LIVING/DINING ROOM  
GAS CENTRAL HEATING  
EPC RATING D  
**OIRO £134,950**



**NEW PRICE**  
**Llanfyllin** **RANDOM COTTAGE**  
2 BED DET PROPERTY  
NO CHAIN  
KITCHEN/DINER  
EPC RATING E  
**OIRO £124,950**



**NEW PRICE**  
**West Felton** **85APPLEWOOD HEIGHTS**  
3 BED END TERRACE  
PVC DOUBLE GLAZING  
VILLAGE LOCATION  
EPC RATING D  
**OIRO £123,950**



**Oswestry** **4 STEWART ROAD**  
3 BED TERRACE HOUSE  
4 BED DETACHED HOUSE  
NO CHAIN  
EPC RATING D  
**OIRO £122,500**



**Oswestry** **3 REGENT COURT**  
2 BED RETIREMENT PROPERTY  
GROUND FLOOR  
NO CHAIN  
EPC RATING D  
**OIRO £114,950**



**NEW**  
**St Martins** **12 HAWTHORN CLOSE**  
2 BED SEMI DET HOUSE  
CONSERVATORY  
GAS CENTRAL HEATING  
EPC RATING D  
**OIRO £114,950**



**NEW**  
**Oswestry** **10 ELGAR CLOSE**  
2 BED SEMI-DET BUNGALOW  
NO CHAIN  
KITCHEN/DINER  
EPC RATING D  
**114950 £114,950**



**Oswestry** **4 POWIS PLACE**  
2/3 BED MID TERRACE HOUSE  
NO CHAIN  
TOWN LOCATION  
EPC RATING F  
**OIRO £104,950**



**NEW**  
**Oswestry** **9 MINSHALL PLACE**  
2 BED MAISONETTE  
MODERN KITCHEN  
DOUBLE GLAZED  
EPC RATING D  
**OIRO £89,950**



**TO LET**  
**Gobowen Oswestry** **2 BEECHBROOK GARDENS**  
4 BED DETACHED HOUSE  
2 RECEPTION ROOMS  
DOUBLE GARAGE  
EPC RATING C  
**PCM £795**



**TO LET**  
**Llanymynech** **BADGERS BEND**  
2 BED DET BUNGALOW  
AVAILABLE DEC 2013  
TWO RECEPTION ROOMS  
EPC RATING E  
**PCM £675**



**TO LET**  
**Oswestry** **1 OAK COTTAGES**  
2 BED DET PROPERTY  
2 RECEPTION ROOMS  
OFF ROAD PARKING  
EPC RATING E  
**PCM £490**



**TO LET**  
**Whittington Oswestry** **1 ORCHARD COTTAGE**  
3 BED MID TERRACE  
GAS CENTRAL HEATING  
REAR GARDEN  
EPC RATING F  
**PCM £375**


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## Rhoswel, Oswestry

An attractive Grade II Listed family residence dating back to 1620 having been renovated, set within beautiful gardens and grounds. Hall, farmhouse style kitchen, utility room/back kitchen, boot room/tack room, dining room, drawing room, study, cellar, Jacobean oak staircase, six bedrooms, family bathroom, shower room. Enclosed stable yard with tack room, two loose boxes and adjacent feed store, large parking area, coach house with garaging and large studio above, two bay dutch barn, two paddocks. EPC Band: G. For further details contact 01691 655334.

**Guide Price: £630,000**

2910



## Cross Lanes, Melverley

An attractive, extremely spacious detached family house, having LP gas CH, uPVC DG, detached quad garage, summer house/cabin, magnificent gardens, paddock and wildlife area. The whole amounting in all to approx 1.8 acres or thereabouts. This wonderful property occupies a truly delightful rural position with magnificent views over adjoining countryside and is easily accessible to Oswestry, Welshpool and Shrewsbury. Magnificent reception hall, living room, sitting room/dining room, large kitchen/breakfast room, utility room, WC/cloaks, large landing, master bedroom with en-suite shower room, three further bedrooms and family bathroom. EPC Band: F

**Guide Price: £429,500**

3608



## Llanyblodwel, Oswestry

A detached Grade II Listed country property, which has been renovated over recent years retaining the character and features of the original building. Entrance hall with cloaks lobby, sitting room having the original stone fire surround, dining room, living room, kitchen, utility room, galleried landing, master bedroom, guest bathroom, second floor spacious bedroom/games/office area. Outside there is an independent office/library. Gardens to the front and rear, ample parking, garage. EPC Band: G. For further information contact 01691 655334.

**Guide Price: £450,000**

2858



## SET IN APPROX 3 ACRES

## Llanrhaeadr Ym Mochnant, Oswestry

A detached stone built period cottage dating back to the early 19th century with later extensions, creating a character but contemporary family home. Entrance hall, open plan sitting room/dining room leading into kitchen, snug with inglenook fireplace, small study, utility room and downstairs cloakroom. Primary staircase to master bedroom with en-suite shower room, two further double bedrooms and re-fitted bathroom; secondary staircase to landing leading to further double bedroom. The property is set in three acres (TBC) with delightful open outlooks and has a range of outbuildings including stabling. EPC Band: E

**Guide Price: £420,000**

3609



## Babbinswood, Nr Ellesmere

An attractive farmhouse of great charm and character in need of some modernisation with great potential to form a first class family property, standing in good sized gardens with two paddocks adjacent to the garden, in all extending to approximately three acres. Hall, dining room, sitting room, farmhouse style kitchen, back kitchen/utility room, cloakroom, workshop/playroom, master bedroom, dressing room, en-suite, bedroom 2, bedroom 3, bathroom, attic room 1/bedroom 4, attic room 2/bedroom 5. EPC Band: G

**Guide Price: £395,000**



## Llangedwyn, Powys

An appealing detached stone country property in a magnificent rural location close to the Estate village of Llangedwyn. The property sits in approximately 1.12 acres (0.45 ha) of grounds which includes a small arboretum, lawns to the side and rear of the property, impressive courtyard with feature stone walls, arch and well. Hall, dining room, kitchen, snug, utility, drawing room, sun room, boot room/ gun room, bathroom/cloakroom, three bedrooms, bedroom 4/study, en-suite bathroom, gallery, garage/store. EPC Band: F. For further details contact 01691 655334.

**Guide Price: £385,000**



## Lliansantffraid

A detached property which has been totally re-designed and refurbished to make a spacious family home or as a small luxury B&B which it is currently being utilised for. Reception hall, feature central hallway, sitting room, conservatory, large dining room, study suite, small gym, kitchen/breakfast room, family room, laundry room, downstairs bedroom with en-suite shower room, mezzanine landing/sitting area, three double bedrooms with en-suite bathroom/shower rooms. PVC DG, propane gas CH, triple carport, easily maintained gardens, ample parking. EPC Band: D

**Guide Price: £375,000**

2991



## WITH ANNEXE & LARGE GARDENS

## Edgerley, Oswestry

A charming, Grade II Listed detached period cottage set in gardens and grounds of approx 0.6 acre, with self contained annexe/garage block suitable for work from home, holiday let and ancillary accommodation. Hall, sitting room, dining room, family/games room, kitchen/breakfast room, utility, WC, master bedroom with en-suite bathroom, two further bedrooms, family bathroom. Annexe comprises: kitchen, downstairs bathroom, garage/store, upstairs living area. DG, ample parking, summerhouse, greenhouse, stores, polytunnel, good size paved areas for outside dining. EPC Band: E

**Guide Price: Offers over £349,950**

2717



## Pontrobert, Meifod

A charming mid 16th century detached Grade II Listed cottage with gardens to the front, rear and side, set on the outskirts of a delightful and popular village. Hall, dining room, snug/office, kitchen, utility/cloaks, sitting room, landing/sitting area, three double bedrooms, family bathroom. Ample parking, stone & slate workshop, brick & slate store, enclosed gardens. EPC Band: F. For further information contact Agents on 01691 655334.

**Guide Price: £338,000**

2856



## Maesbrook, Oswestry

A delightful character country property dating back to early 1800's renovated to a very high standard, situated in a secluded location with views to the Wymy and Morda Brook. Set in a secluded rural location, the property enjoys considerable seclusion and privacy. Breakfast kitchen, pantry, utility room, conservatory, living room, study, dining room, four double bedrooms, family bathroom. Garden extends to approx 1/3 of an acre, ample parking space, double garage with loft space and engine pit. EPC Band: D. For further details contact 01691 655334.

**Guide Price: £365,000**

3547



## Arddleen, Llanymynech

An attractive, mature, spacious three/four bedroom double fronted detached Victorian house, having oil CH, very large detached garage and gardens surrounding the property. It occupies a pleasant and slightly elevated position, enjoying lovely country views to the front and being conveniently placed for access to Welshpool, Oswestry and Shrewsbury. Hall, very large living room, sitting room, kitchen/dining room, inner hallway, ground floor bathroom, rear entrance hall, landing, three bedrooms, large studio room/occasional bedroom four, study/dressing room, and first floor shower room. EPC Rating: E

**Guide Price: £245,000**

3604



## Llangedwyn, Oswestry

The Green Inn is situated on the B4396 road which runs between Oswestry and Bala in the Tanat Valley renowned for its natural beauty. The Tanat Valley is on the Wales/England border and the Bervyn mountain range is within easy travelling distance. It is ideally located for local trade and tourist traffic also to the area, and provides licensed accommodation on the ground and first floor, along with private living accommodation. EPC Band: F. Contact Agents on 01691 655334.

**Guide Price: £325,000**



## Badgers Way, Baschurch

An attractive, extremely spacious, well appointed detached family house, having gas CH, DG, double garage and gardens to front and rear. It occupies a very pleasant and convenient position in this popular residential locality, within walking distance of village amenities and being about eight miles north west of Shrewsbury. Covered entrance porch, reception hall, cloak/WC, living room, dining room, study, conservatory, kitchen/breakfast room, landing, four bedrooms, en-suite bathroom, and large family shower room. EPC Band: D

**Guide Price: £299,995**

3597



## Laburnum Meadows, Four Crosses

A spacious detached house originally designed as a four bedroom house but now laid out as a three bedroom, offering good sized accommodation, comprising: entrance hall, downstairs cloakroom, sitting room, dining room, conservatory, large family room, kitchen/breakfast room, utility area, three double bedrooms, en-suite, family bathroom. Wood framed DG, oil CH, good sized single detached garage, the gardens are of particular note being of larger than average size, offering a good degree of privacy and good size sun patios. EPC Band: D

**Guide Price: £215,000**

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## Llandrinio, Llanymynech

An attractive and deceptively spacious detached dormer style house with oil CH, uPVC DG, ample parking, garage, and garden. Occupying a very convenient position in the village, about 12 miles from Shrewsbury. Reception hall, living room, dining room, recently fitted luxury kitchen/breakfast room, utility room, ground floor bedroom and bathroom, landing, three further good size bedrooms, and separate WC. EPC Band: E

**Guide Price: £232,500**

2190



## NO CHAIN

## Brooklyn Road, Pant

An attractive, deceptively spacious, semi-detached bungalow having oil fired CH, DG, large garage and delightful gardens to front and rear. It occupies a very pleasant and convenient cul-de-sac position close to the centre of Pant, within walking distance of a range of local amenities and being about 15 miles from Shrewsbury, and 6 miles from Oswestry. Porch, hall, living room, dining room/bedroom 2, two further bedrooms, conservatory and newly fitted bathroom. EPC Band: D

**Guide Price: £169,000**

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# Halls



Vyrnwy Road, Oswestry

Price: £112,950

**NEW** **NO CHAIN**

This Victorian property is situated in a quiet and popular location a short walk from Oswestry Town Centre and only a short walk from open countryside.

- 2 Double Bedrooms
- 2 Reception Rooms
- Original Features
- Gas CH
- Enclosed Rear Garden
- Current EPC Rating F

Contact Oswestry



Glentworth Avenue, Oswestry

Price: £199,950

**NEW** **NO CHAIN**

This detached three bedroom bungalow offers spacious accommodation and benefits from lovely private rear gardens.

- 3 Bedroom Detached
- Gardens To Front & Rear
- Garage & Parking
- Gas CH & UPVC DG
- Pleasant Residential Area
- Current EPC Rating D

Contact Oswestry



Cabin Lane, Oswestry

Price: £249,950

**NO CHAIN**

A most spacious FOUR bedroom detached dormer bungalow with large gardens & garage.

- 4 Bedroom (2 Master Suites)
- 2 Reception Rooms
- Garage & Ample Parking
- Gardens
- UPVC DG & CH
- Current EPC Rating D

Contact Oswestry



Orchard Drive, West Felton

Price: £194,950

This immaculate three bedroom detached family home is situated in a pleasant location within a most popular and sought after village.

- 3 Bedroom Detached
- 2 Reception Rooms
- Garage & Parking
- Gardens
- Oil CH & UPVC DG
- Current EPC Rating C

Contact Oswestry



Russell Street, Cefn Mawr

Price: £199,950

This deceptively spacious semi detached Victorian Villa sits prominently overlooking the Vale of Llangollen.

- Accommodation Over 4 Floors
- 3 Bedrooms & 2 Store Rooms
- Double Garage & Parking
- Character & Charm
- Gardens
- Current EPC Rating E

Contact Oswestry



Oakhurst Road, Oswestry

Price: £169,950

**NO CHAIN**

A fine example of a traditional Victorian home which offers character features which are complimented by contemporary interiors.

- 3 Bedroom
- 2 Reception & Garden
- Detached Garage & Patio
- Walking Distance To Town
- Viewing Recommended
- Current EPC Rating D

Contact Oswestry



Oerley Way, Oswestry

Price: £194,950

**NEW**

This immaculate detached family home is situated on a generous size corner plot within a most sought after quiet residential area.

- 3 Bedrooms
- 2 Reception Rooms
- Gardens, Sheds & Summer House
- Oil CH & UPVC DG
- Car Port & Parking

Contact Oswestry



Maes Y Foel, Llansantffraid

Price: £175,000

**NO CHAIN**

A three bedroom detached dormer bungalow situated in a popular village location.

- 3 Bed Detached Dormer Bungalow
- UPVC Double Glazing
- Oil Central Heating
- Garage & Parking
- Gardens To Front & Rear
- Current EPC Rating E

Contact Oswestry



Prince Charles Close, Oswestry

Price: £174,950

**NEW**

Situated in pleasant a cul de sac location, this three double bedroom family home needs to be viewed to be appreciated.

- 3 Double Bedrooms
- Detached Garage & Parking
- Gardens To Front & Rear
- Gas CH
- UPVC DG
- Cul De Sac Position

Contact Oswestry



Malthouse Close, Whittington

Price: £199,950

**NO CHAIN**

A 4 double bedroom family home situated in a quiet cul de sac in a popular residential area

- 4 Double Bedrooms (Master & En-Suite)
- Gas CH
- UPVC DG
- Integral Garage & Parking
- Popular Village
- Current EPC Rating C

Contact Oswestry



The Old Quinta Manse, Brongarth

Price: £330,000

A four double bedroom detached character property situated in a delightful country location.

- Elegant Reception Hall, Sitting Room
- Dining Room, Lounge, Kitchen/Breakfast Rm
- Shower Room, Cellar, Four Beds, Bathroom
- Double Garage & Parking
- Gardens To Front, Side & Rear
- Current EPC Rating E

Contact Oswestry



Sandycroft, Cottage Fields, St Martins

Price: £220,000

**NO CHAIN**

This three bedroom detached bungalow is situated in a most popular and quiet residential area with countryside walks on the doorstep. Situated on a corner plot this bungalow is warmed by oil fired central heating.

- 3 Bedroom (Master & En-Suite)
- 2 Reception Rooms
- Garage & Parking
- Oil CH & DG
- Cul De Sac Position
- Current EPC Rating D

Contact Oswestry



White House, Kinnerley

Price: £374,950

A four bedroom detached family home offering adaptable and versatile accommodation set in 1.670 acres and located down a quiet country lane

- 4 Bed Property
- Annex Or Holiday Let Potential
- Brook, Woodland & Pasture
- Range Of Outbuildings
- Viewing Recommended
- Current EPC Rating D

Contact Oswestry



Peach Tree House, Monfa, Llansilin

Price: £179,950

Dating back to 1860 this DETACHED family home offers spacious accommodation.

- 4 Bedrooms
- 2 Reception Rooms
- Countryside Walks
- Oil Central Heating
- Character Features
- Current EPC Rating F

Contact Oswestry



Ty Carreg, Llangynog

Price: Offers around £450,000

**NO CHAIN**

A detached cottage surrounded by 45 acres of pasture land and woodland, benefitting from superb far reaching countryside views across the Tanat Valley.

- South Facing Elevated Position
- Detached Outbuildings
- 2/3 Reception & Conservatory
- 2/3 Bedrooms (2 With En-Suites)
- Viewing Recommended
- Current EPC Rating E

Contact Oswestry



Pleasant View, Weston Rhyn

Price: £150,000

**NO CHAIN**

This detached three bedroom family home situated in a pleasant cul de sac location within a popular village.

- 3 Bed Detached Family Home
- Workshop & Garage / Parking
- Gardens To Front, Side & Rear
- Oil Central Heating
- Partial Double Glazing
- Current EPC Rating D

Contact Oswestry



Greenbank Close, Oswestry

Price: £149,950

**NO CHAIN**

A RECENTLY RENOVATED detached two bedroom bungalow situated in a quiet cul de sac location, a short walk from Oswestry town centre.

- 2 Bed Detached Bungalow
- Detached Garage & Parking
- Easy Maintenance Gardens
- Gas Central Heating
- Secondary Glazing
- Current EPC Rating D

Contact Oswestry



Greenways, Dovaston

Price: £185,000

**NO CHAIN**

A deceptively spacious two bedroom 1930's detached bungalow which has been extended to provide a most comfortable family home. The property is situated in a pleasant rural location down a quiet lane with countryside views.

- 2 Bed (Master & En-Suite)
- Oil Central Heating
- Double Glazing
- Detached Garage, Workshop & Parking
- Gardens
- Current EPC Rating F

Contact Oswestry

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## LETTINGS

- Oswestry, 2 Bed Ap't £400pcm
- Oswestry, Queens Road, Luxury Apartments from £425pcm
- Weston Rhyn, 2 Bed Ter £475pcm
- Oswestry, 2 Bed Semi £475pcm
- Chirk, 2 Bed Semi £475pcm
- Llanfyllin, 3 Bed House £500pcm
- Chirk Bank, 3 Bed End Ter £550pcm
- Chirk Bank, 3 Bed Semi £550pcm
- Oswestry, 3 Bed Mid Mews £550pcm
- Treflach, 3 Bed Bung £600pcm
- Morda, 3 Bed Det £625pcm
- Pant, 3 Bed Det £650pcm
- Weston, 4 Bed Det £675pcm
- Dudleston Heath, House + 6 Acres £1,850pcm

## GLYN CEIRIOG



- End Terrace House
- Two Bedrooms
- Good Sized Garden

- Parking Area
- Popular Village
- Modern Kitchen

Offers in the region of £92,500

## WESTON RHYN



- Building Plot
- Outline Planning Permission
- Detached 3 Bed House

- And Garage
- Section 106
- Superb Location

£69,000

## OSWESTRY



- End Terrace Property
- Two Bedrooms
- Two Brick Outhouses
- Yard to Rear
- EPC Rating G
- Close To Town Centre
- In Need of Modernisation
- Viewing Recommended

£85,000

## GOBOWEN



- Two Bed Bungalow
- 24 Hour Support Staff
- Superb location

- Conservatory
- Garden. EPC - D
- Double Glazing

£105,000

## CHIRK

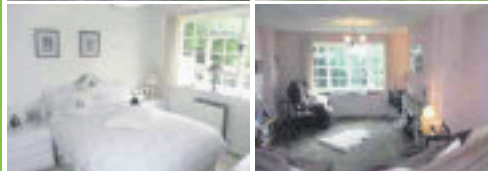


- Semi-detached Property
- Three Bedrooms
- Two Reception Rooms

- Oil Central Heating
- Upvc Double Glazing
- Parking 2 Cars. EPC E

Offers over £112,000

## FRONCSYLLTE



- \*\*RECUDED FOR QUICK SALE\*\***
- Detached Bungalow
- Three Bedrooms
- Near The Canal

- Off Road Parking
- Well Maintained. EPC E.
- Popular Location
- Electric Heating

Reduced to £175,000

## GLYN CEIRIOG



- Mid Terraced Cottage
- Two Bedrooms
- Sought After Location

- Well Maintained
- Rear Gardens
- Stone Outbuilding

£115,000

## OSWESTRY

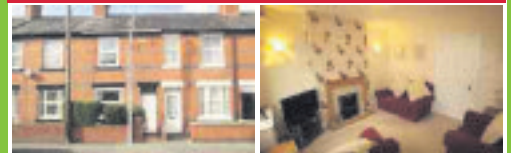


- \*Offered With No Chain\*
- Two Bedrooms
- End Terrace House

- Ample parking
- Close to Town centre
- Well maintained. EPC C

£117,000

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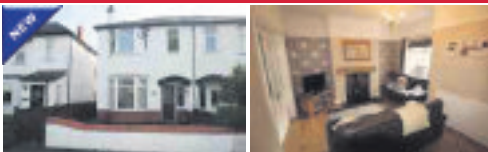


- Mid-Terraced Property
- Well Presented
- Two Bedrooms. EPC D

- Good Sized Rear Garden
- Gas Central Heating
- Upvc Double Glazing

£118,450

## OSWESTRY



- Semi-Detached Property
- Sought After Location
- Three Bedrooms. EPC E

- Well Maintained
- Upvc Double Glazing
- Gas Central Heating

£179,950

## GLYN CEIRIOG



- NO CHAIN
- Semi-Detached Cottage
- Two Bedroom. EPC E
- Well Maintained

£134,950

## PENTRE, CHIRK



- Mid Terraced Property
- Two Bedrooms
- Off Road Parking. EPC E.
- Front and Rear Gardens

£136,950

## OSWESTRY



- WITH NO CHAIN!!!
- Detached Bungalow
- Two Bedrooms. EPC E

- Cul de Sac Location
- Off Road Parking and Carport
- Gas C. H. & D. Glazing

£149,950

## RHOS Y GADFA



- Detached Period Farmhouse
- Paddocks Extending to Six Acres
- Numerous Outbuildings & Barns

- Purpose built Stable Block
- Great Business/ Development Opportunity. EPC Rating G.

£637,000

## CASTLE MILL

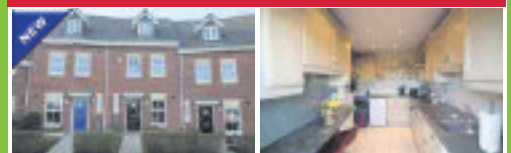


- Superb Country Cottage
- Updated To A High Standard
- Three Bedrooms. EPC D

£375,000

- Elevated Rural Position
- Views Over Countryside
- Many Original Features

## OSWESTRY



- Three Bedrooms
- Three Storeys
- Conservatory. EPC C

- Garage and Parking
- Sought After Area
- Gardens to the Rear

£179,950

## OSWESTRY



- Semi Detached House
- Two Bedrooms
- Off Road Parking. EPC C
- Ideal investment or FTB

£119,950

## OSWESTRY



- \*\*\*NO CHAIN\*\*\***
- Detached Dormer Bungalow
- Four Bedrooms (Two En-Suites)
- Two Reception Rooms. EPC D

£249,950

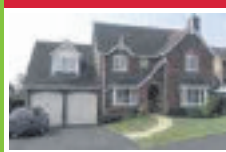
## SELATTYN



- Country Cottage
- Three Bedrooms
- 2.2 Acres
- Gardens. EPC D.

£320,000

## TREFONEN



- Executive Detached House
- Four Bedrooms (2 Ensuite)
- Three Reception Rooms
- Sought After Location. EPC C

£319,950

## LLANFYLLIN



- Detached Cottage
- Two Double Bedrooms
- Potential for Extension
- Off Road Parking. EPC G

£157,000

## LYNEAL



- Detached Property
- Four Bedrooms. EPC D
- Double Garage & Parking
- Recently Fitted UPVC Windows

£315,000





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NEW



**1 Ardmillan Close, Oswestry**

**£172,500**

- Detached House with single garage
- Corner plot. Gas C/H, D/ Glazed
- With scope for modernisation
- Two receptions, kitchen, sun room
- Three bedrooms and family bathroom
- Energy efficiency rating = 53

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NEW



**Gribin Isaf, Llanerfyl. SY21 0JQ**

**£399,950**

- Detached 4 Bed Country Property with 3.5 acres of land
- 2 Receptions, Conservatory. Kitchen, Utility, Bathroom. Pantry
- 4 Bedrooms, Shower Room, Eaves storage
- Views to the Cambrian Mountain range
- Propane Gas & S/F Heating, Double Glazed
- Several useful outbuildings. Greenhouse
- Energy Efficiency Rating = 31 (F)

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NEW



**9 Gungrog Hill, Welshpool**

**£149,950**

- Detached Bungalow on outskirts of town
- Sitting/Dining, Conservatory. Kitchen/Breakfast
- Two Bedrooms, Bathroom, Gas Heating
- Rear garden with open views. Garage
- Would benefit from some modern refitting
- Energy Efficiency Rating = 58

Welshpool Office 01938 554818

TO LET



**4 Leg Street, Oswestry**

**£5,600**

- Small Retail Unit To Let. £5,600 P.A
- Affording three possible trading floors
- Close to town centre pedestrian area
- Flexible lease terms available, available now
- Approx 18.5 sqm, (200 sqft) ground floor sales
- Suitable for a small start up business
- Energy Performance Asset Rating = 159

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## RESIDENTIAL PROPERTIES TO LET

### OSWESTRY

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|--|--------------------------------|
| 1 Bed Flat, FTE, No Pets (EER=1).....                | <b>£260 pcm</b> (£360 deposit) |
| Bedsit, FTE, Pkg, No Pets. (EER=50).....             | <b>£260 pcm</b> (£360 deposit) |
| 1 Bed Flat, C/H, FTE, No Pets (EER=68) .....         | <b>£280 pcm</b> (£380 deposit) |
| 2 Bed Flat, FTE, No Pets (EER=32).....               | <b>£295 pcm</b> (£395 deposit) |
| 2 Bed Terr, C/H, FTE, No Pets (EER=53) .....         | <b>£365 pcm</b> (£465 deposit) |
| 2 Bed Flat, C/H, Pkg, FTE, No Pets (EER=58) .....    | <b>£375 pcm</b> (£475 deposit) |
| 2 Bed Flat, C/H, Garage, FTE, No Pets (EER=71) ..... | <b>£440 pcm</b> (£540 deposit) |
| 2 Bed Terr, C/H, Pkg, FTE, No Pets (EER=69) .....    | <b>£460 pcm</b> (£560 deposit) |
| 2 Bed Semi, C/H, Pkg, FTE, No Pets (EER=70) .....    | <b>£480 pcm</b> (£480 deposit) |
| 3 Bed Semi, C/H, Pkg, FTE, No Pets. (EER=45) .....   | <b>£550 pcm</b> (£650 deposit) |

### MORDA

- |  |                                |
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| 2 Bed Flat, C/H, Pkg, FTE, No Pets. (EER=61) .....   | <b>£425 pcm</b> (£525 deposit) |
| 3 Bed Bung, C/H, Garage, FTE, No Pets (EER=59) ..... | <b>£600 pcm</b> (£700 deposit) |

### PARK HALL

- |  |                                |
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| 2 Bed Flat, C/H, Pkg, FTE, No Pets. (EER=58) ..... | <b>£395 pcm</b> (£495 deposit) |
| 2 Bed Flat, C/H, Pkg, FTE, No Pets. (EER=75) ..... | <b>£390 pcm</b> (£490 deposit) |
| 2 Bed Flat, C/H, Pkg, FTE, No Pets. (EER=62) ..... | <b>£395 pcm</b> (£495 deposit) |

### BRONYGARTH

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|---|--------------------------------|
| 3 Bed Bung, C/H, Pkg, FTE, No Pets (EER=61) ..... | <b>£500 pcm</b> (£600 deposit) |
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### WEST FELTON

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|---|--------------------------------|
| 2 Bed Terr, C/H, Pkg, FTE, No Pets (EER=67) ..... | <b>£425 pcm</b> (£525 deposit) |
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### WHITTINGTON

- |   |                            |
|---|----------------------------|
| Commercial & 2 Bed Flat, CH, (CEPC=52 – EER=48) ..... | <b>£575 pcm</b> (£575 dep) |
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**21 Abraham Court, Oswestry**

**£65,000**

- Ground floor apartment overlooking forecourt
- Single bedroom, lounge, kitchen and bathroom
- Double glazed and electric storage heating
- 24 hour emergency care line
- Residents must be over the age of 60 years
- Energy Efficiency Rating = 78

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AUCTION



**Land Adj to Camlad House, Forden**  
Guide price **£20,000 - £25,000**

- Roadside pastureland extending to 2.088 Acres (or thereabouts)
- Close to the village of Forden
- Capable of being utilised as amenity land or ideal pony paddock
- River Camlad flows close to the boundary

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AUCTION



**Church View, Llanfyllin**  
Guide price **£40,000 - £50,000**

- Grade II Listed Town Cottage
- 2 Reception Rooms, Galley Kitchen, Bathroom
- Sep W.C. Landing Bedroom through to Bedroom
- Part Gas Heating. Enclosed yard to side & rear
- Requiring modern refitting
- Energy Efficiency Rating = 46

Welshpool Office 01938 554818

AUCTION



**Moorburn, Llansantffraid**  
Guide price **£100,000 - £120,000**

- Detached Bungalow in cul-de-sac location
- Sitting Room, Kitchen, Three Bedrooms, Bathroom
- Double Glazed. Attached Single Garage
- Spacious corner plot. Adjoins fields to the rear
- Requires modernisation and upgrading
- Energy Efficiency Rating = 13

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NEW

Hawthorn Close  
St Martins £114,950

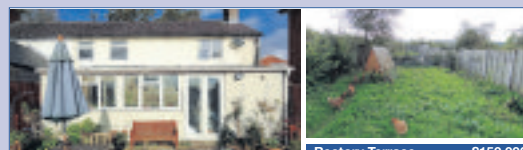
- An excellent 2 Bedroom Semi-Detached Property
- The property has been maintained to the highest of standards
- Ent Hall, Lounge, Kitchen, Conservatory
- 2 Spacious Bedrooms & Bathroom
- Good size garden with open views to the side
- Large enclosed carport and garden shed
- uPVC D/G, soffits & fascias, Gas C/H & cavity wall insulation. EPC Rating D



NEW

Middleton Road  
Oswestry £189,995

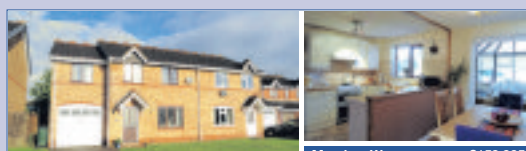
- A well appointed, deceptively spacious 3 Bedroom Detached Property
- The property was constructed approximately 8 years ago
- Entrance Hall, Cloakroom, Lounge, Kitchen/Dining Room, Utility
- Master Bedroom with En-Suite, 2 further Bedrooms & Family Bathroom
- Good size gardens with patio and slate covered seating area to rear
- A single garage and off-road parking
- Double glazing and Gas C/H. EPC Rating



NEW

Rectory Terrace  
Welsh Frankton £150,000

- A rare opportunity to purchase a 4 Bedroom End-Terrace Property
- Standing in terraced gardens and grounds extending to 0.22 acre
- Stunning views over open countryside towards Rodney's Pillar
- Sun Room, Cloaks, Living/Dining Room, Kitchen, Lounge
- 4 Bedrooms and Shower Room.
- Externally a raised patio area takes full advantage of the views
- Formal gardens and vegetable plots. Oil C/H. D/G. EPC Rating



NEW

Meadow Way  
Gobowen £159,995

- A spacious 4 Bedroom Semi-Detached Property
- Ent Hall, Lounge, Open Plan Kitchen/Dining Room
- Utility, Cloaks & Conservatory
- 4 Bedrooms and a Family Bathroom, single garage & driveway
- D/G and Gas C/H. EPC Rating D



NEW - NO CHAIN

Trinity Close  
Gobowen £144,995

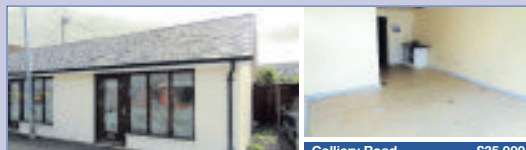
- A well presented 3 bedroom semi-detached property
- Entrance Hall, Lounge, Cloakroom, modern Kitchen/Dining Room
- 3 Bedrooms (Master Ensuite), 2 further Bedrooms and Family Bathroom
- Private rear garden with a decked area and raised patio and off road parking
- uPVC double glazing and gas fired central heating throughout. EPC Rating C



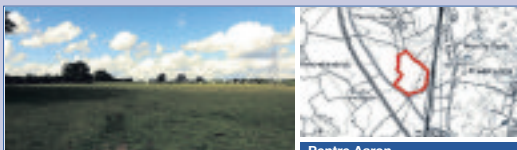
NEW

Cambrian Avenue  
Whittington £149,950

- A most delightful spacious and extended Semi-Detached House
- Sitting Room, Snug, Kitchen, Landing, Two Bedrooms, Family Bathroom.
- Delightful gardens to the fore with ample parking for several cars
- Fully enclosed south facing rear garden and with views
- Gas fired central heating, Double Glazing, EPC Rating

Colliery Road  
Chirk £35,000

- An excellent opportunity to purchase a shop unit extending to approximately 292 sq ft situated in the centre of the busy border town of Chirk.
- The property forms part of a recently completed development and benefits from a shop area with window frontage, a kitchen area and a Disabled WC.
- The unit should be of interest to those looking to set up a new business or relocating an existing business. Alternatively it would make an excellent investment opportunity.

Pentre Aaron  
Weston Rhyn

- A rare Agricultural Investment opportunity comprising a block of accommodation land extending to 15 acres (6.07 ha) or thereabouts conveniently located just off the A5/A483 between Oswestry and Weston Rhyn
- The land is currently laid to pasture but would accommodate a host of arable or fodder crops
- The land is sold subject to a 1986 Agricultural Holdings Act Tenancy. For further details please contact the Selling Agents Oswestry office on (01691) 652367.

Morda Close  
Oswestry £465,000

- An Executive Family Home situated on the exclusive Morda Close development
- Entrance Hall with Lounge, Dining Room, large Kitchen/Breakfast Room with adjoining Utility Room and Cloaks
- Master Bedroom with En-Suite & Guest Bedroom with En-Suite.
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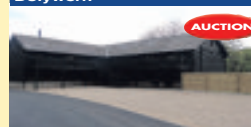
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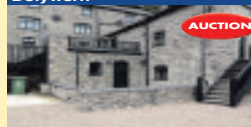
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- A stone-built semi-detached village property with living room, kitchen, bathroom and bedroom. The accommodation has planning permission for works of a two storey extension including the provision of a car port. The accommodation as existing has double glazing and gas fired central heating.

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Cremation at Emstrey Crematorium, Shrewsbury on Thursday, November 14, at 1pm, followed by a Memorial Service at All Saints Church, Baschurch, at 2.30pm.

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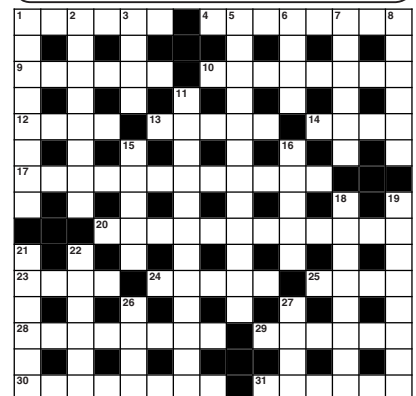
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### ACROSS

- 1 Sets out an increase in salary, we hear (6)
- 4 Dad turns and indicates names for an office, perhaps (8)
- 9 A pea jacket, for example? (6)
- 10 Mother queueing for intercity travel? (4,4)
- 12 and 2 Down: Assortment of cigars there's to be found in every tobaccoist's shop (4,8)
- 13 They drift for the present on board ship (5)
- 14 Star gave trouble (4)
- 17 Leading stylists of today (12)
- 20 Colourful digits useful in the nursery (5,7)
- 23 Slight description of some noses (4)
- 24 Navigational aids for a sailor on ship (5)
- 25 Unexceptional call for help comes to nothing (2-2)
- 28 Flier makes a revolutionary jump (8)
- 29 Break a hole in a wall (6)
- 30 Had a fight and was thrown out (8)
- 31 It's blended in a French diet perhaps (6)

### DOWN

- 1 Local tea place, perhaps (8)
- 2 See 12 Across
- 3 Amy's out to get things to eat (4)
- 5 Act passionately, though dangerously (4,4,4)
- 6 Admits being in possession (4)
- 7 Fixed form of denial (6)
- 8 Observe present and past in child's play (6)
- 11 Nothing is gained when advances are made thus (8-4)
- 15 Deck that is trouble to the Royal Navy (5)
- 16 Stick one's neck out (5)
- 18 Suggestive of financial aid in rent (8)
- 19 Married in the old-fashioned way (8)
- 21 Enters the office uninvited? (6)
- 22 Killing the upsurge of revolutionary spirit (6)
- 26 Hold up the post somehow (4)
- 27 I object to an average standard (4)

### LAST WEEKS RESULTS

Across: 1 Poinsettia, 6 Atop, 10 Salvo, 11 Insurgent, 12 Well-to-do, 13 Green, 15 Bypaths, 17 Tangier, 19 Torment, 21 Palette, 22 Irish, 24 Outwears, 27 Esperanto, 28 Gnome, 29 Styx, 30 Self-esteem.  
Down: 1 Post, 2 Ill temper, 3 Shoal, 4 Tripods, 5 In short, 7 These, 8 Put in order, 9 Original, 14 Abstainers, 16 Tee shirt, 18 Interpose, 20 Trounce, 21 Puts off, 23 Imply, 25 Edges, 26 Term.



## NEWS

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## Chimneys should be swept for winter

MID & West Wales Fire and Rescue Service is reminding people to ensure their chimneys are ready for winter.

The number of people using open fires is on the rise and the service is asking householders to have their chimneys swept by a registered chimney sweep and familiarise themselves with chimney safety advice.

This year, Mid and West Wales Fire and Rescue Service has attended 24 chimney fires in Powys. Chimney fires have the potential to spread.

Steve Rowlands, Community Safety Manager for North Powys said: "The number of chimney fires is increasing annually at a time when other fire statistics are decreasing, which is a worrying trend. We have attended 24 chimney fires in Powys this year, which could have been avoided had these chimneys and flues been cleaned and checked on a regular basis."

"With the colder, winter months looming, people will begin to use their open fires and chimneys again and we are urging householders to take the necessary steps, such as ensuring your chimney is swept regularly, the frequency will depend upon the fuel you burn."

For advice or to book a free home safety check call 0800 1691234 or go to [www.mawwfire.gov.uk](http://www.mawwfire.gov.uk)

## Waterway volunteers get hands dirty on canal trip

**VOLUNTEERS** from around the country have carried out further work on the Montgomery Canal as part of long term plans to fully reopen the waterway.

Members of the specialist Waterway Recovery Group arrived on the Shropshire/Welsh border last week to carry out the work.

The members are experts in working on closed canals and came from as far as Watford and Chesterfield to give their views on the best way to tackle obstructions on the waterway.

The canal, which flowed from Shropshire into Mid Wales, was closed in 1936 and formally abandoned by Act of Parliament in 1944.

In the years that followed, the canal was obstructed in many places, bridges were dropped and lengths of the canal dried out.

## Removed

Many obstructions have been removed in the years of restoration and now half the canal is open for boating.

At Pant, the railway bridge was replaced by an embankment which will have to be removed if boats are to reach Llanymynech.

The team spent the weekend investigating the embankment, clearing vegetation and discovering the remains of the old bridge.

Michael Limbrey, chairman of Montgomery Waterway Restoration Trust,

by Iain St John

welcomed the visit. He said:

"Volunteers of the Waterway Recovery Group of the Inland Waterways Association have been involved in the restoration of the Montgomery Canal for over 40 years."

"This latest visit brought volunteers from Chesterfield, Manchester and Watford."

"One thing we do not know is when the railway bridge was replaced by the embankment, and we would be interested to hear from anyone who knows anything of the story of the canal in Pant."

"Shropshire Union Canal Society volunteers have nearly completed their project to restore the canal channel at Redwith."

"The Heritage Lottery Fund is supporting a project which includes re-opening the canal to Crickheath. If that happens, there will only be a couple of miles to finish the restoration in England by reaching Llanymynech."

## Store wants spoons for a giant gorilla



Emma Parry, British Ironwork Centre merchandiser, left, with Carol Simms, Marks & Spencer's manager, and Dylan Bellany, food manager.

AN OSWESTRY store is helping the British Ironwork Centre meet Uri Geller's challenge to create a monstrous 12ft gorilla statue from old spoons.

The TV personality Geller famously challenged the Ironwork Centre to create the gorilla sculpture from a mixture of iron and spoons collected from members of the public from around the country.

This week a spoon bank was installed in the Oswestry branch of Marks & Spencer.

Store manager Carol Simms said: "Marks & Spencer are proud to support the local community needs."

Clive Knowles, managing director at the British Ironwork Centre said: "We've started to receive a large influx of spoons both hand-delivered and in the post."

But we still need more to complete this gorilla, and we aim to make this easier by having spoon banks located around the country!"

You can watch the gorilla spoon grow, by visiting [www.britishironworkcentre.co.uk](http://www.britishironworkcentre.co.uk).

## Demand sees firm seek new care staff

A HOME care company that covers Oswestry, Shrewsbury and Ludlow, is looking to recruit more than 20 new caregivers to meet demand as it continues to expand.

Home Instead Senior Care, which specialises in one-to-one tailored non-medical care and companionship services, has seen a dramatic increase in clients.

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## CHRISTMAS IN LLANGOLLEN

### Festival proceeds set to benefit hospice



There will be plenty of attractions on the streets of Llangollen for this year's Christmas Festival.

HOPE House Children's Hospice is set to benefit from the proceeds of Llangollen's annual Christmas Festival.

There will be something for everyone to enjoy on November 30 and members of the organising committee are now busy finalising arrangements.

The festival will start with Sion Corn's parade, led by the Town Mayor and accompanied by the Llangollen Silver Band, through the streets to the Town Hall from Mill Street Car Park, along Castle Street then into Market Street, East Street, Parade Street and then back to the Town Hall where

Sion Corn will have his grotto. Oak Street will be closed from 10am to 6pm for street entertainment, market stalls, music and dancing will be available.

Sion Corn's grotto will be in the Town Hall where children will be able to visit him and receive a small gift.

#### Intervals

To avoid waiting a long time in a queue arrangements are being made for tickets to be sold in advance at half hour time intervals. Those tickets will be available from the Tourist Information Office. Funds have been raised

from a car boot sale, sponsored climb up Snowdon and from an abseiling event in Llangollen. Collection boxes have been placed in various locations in the town. A raffle is being held once again and over 20 prizes have been donated.

There will be children's funfair rides, a climbing tower, Punch & Judy shows, circus acts, Morris dancing, storytellers, a facepainter and lots more on the day.

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## CHRISTMAS IN LLANGOLLEN

# Traditional turn-out for Christmas festival fun

by Graham Breeze

CHRISTMAS arrives in Llangollen on Saturday, November 30, with the staging of the annual Christmas Festival.

The festival starts with the arrival of Father Christmas at the railway station before he leads a parade through the streets at 1pm – and the town will see a different looking Santa.

In Wales, Father Christmas is often known as Sion Corn (Chimney Jack) and he will be wearing a green outfit instead of the more usual red one.

A long time ago Father Christmas always wore green before a red suit became fashionable.

Sometimes he likes to wear his more traditional green outfit, especially when he visits historic places like Llangollen.

The parade will travel through Castle Street into Market Street, East Street and Parade Street and then to the Town Hall where Father Christmas will have his grotto.

Oak Street will see street entertainment, market stalls, music and dancing will take place.

Local choirs will be performing on the chapel steps until the Christmas lights are switched on at 5pm.

A fireworks display will follow the big switch on and the streets will have face painting, magicians, storytellers, Morris dancing, circus acts, Zumba band and a performance by Llangollen Silver Band.

The Christmas Festival is a community event run and organised by volunteers who have been generous with their time.

All money raised from the event will be going to Hope House Children's Hospice.



Father Christmas will be wearing green when he visits Llangollen.

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**NEWS**

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**College's visitors will be pampered**

VISITORS to a college in Oswestry can for the first time get pampered as well as dined with hair and beauty students teaming up with catering students to offer a unique pre-Christmas service.

The pampering comes from students working at Visage, a fully commercial training hair and beauty salon at the Oswestry campus of Walford and North Shropshire College.

And the dining is offered by students working at Scholars, the campus's new restaurant.

Students from Visage and Scholars have put together two new Turkey and Tinsel packages for their autumn/winter pamper days this year.

The all-inclusive packages are being offered on December 10 and December 12 at £20 and £22 respectively.

College bosses say the pamper days are always hugely popular and to book early on (01691) 688000.

**Boost for unit**

AN ANNUAL shoppers lunch in Ellesmere raised almost £1,700 for charity.

About 140 people attended the lunch at Ellesmere Town Hall and raised money for the Bone Cancer Unit Appeal at the Orthopaedic Hospital in Oswestry.

# Surprise for hotel's staff as 007 star drops in for lunch

**WHEN the message came through to the kitchens at the Hand Hotel at Llanarmon that none other than Sir Roger Moore was in the dining room, chef Grant Mulholland was shaken – but not stirred.**

The 007 star, his wife, Kristina, and their driver called in for lunch at the Hand while touring the area after a concert date at Salford Quays, Manchester, the previous evening.

And staff at the hotel and restaurant said the actor was the perfect gentleman that he portrayed on screen.

Mr Mulholland said: "When one of the staff came into the kitchen and said that Roger

Moore had just arrived, I didn't really believe it, but there he was."

"The party had smoked salmon and Welsh lamb pakoras then all three went for our locally sourced Ceirïog Valley trout. They all praised the dish."

Mr Mulholland said staff left the three in peace to have their meal on Monday but said that afterwards, in the bar, Sir Roger was happy to chat.

"They said that they had had a great time and had loved the area, they had never been to this part of the world before," he said.

**Famous**

"They relaxed in the bar for some time after their meal."

The chef then presented the 007 star with a book, *Relish Wales*, that features the Hand Hotel and asked him to autograph another for himself.

"He said he would only sign my copy if I would sign his," he said.

"He was so charming, really really nice. They were a pleasure to spend time with and it certainly brightened up our day."

"We have had some stars calling into the hotel but none as famous as Sir Roger Moore." He said he hoped the actor would pass on his recommendations for the hotel to others.

"Who knows we may have a few more stars dropping in," he said.

Sir Roger Moore, 86, is currently on an autumn UK tour to celebrate 50 years of the James Bond films.



Roger Moore and Grant Mulholland outside The Hand Hotel.

**NEWS**

in brief

**Pharmacy can be a vital first stop**

VISITING a pharmacy for treatment of minor sports injuries could ease pressure on doctors, an Oswestry pharmacist said.

John Gentle, superintendent pharmacist at The Pharmacy at Caxton, said a pharmacy can act as a vital first stop for help with minor injuries.

He said: "We get a number of people coming into our pharmacy after they have hurt themselves playing sport."

"Often they need something simple such as ibuprofen-type medication to help ease any aches and swelling or a bandage to provide support."

**Gardening club to host its AGM**

THE next meeting of Trefonen and District Gardening Club will be its annual meeting on November 21.

Following the AGM, which will be held at Trefonen Village Hall and will start at 7.30pm, there will be the launch of the club's new website and viewing of entries into the club's annual photo competition.

New members are welcome. For more details call (01691) 828726.

**Messy church**

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## FEATURES &amp; NEWS

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## Students visited African project

TWELVE students from Ellesmere College travelled to Africa to see first-hand how the money they raised is making a difference.

A group of sixth formers visited the Monduli Green project in Tanzania, which works with local communities to make improvements for young children. They spent 10 days helping with some of the projects.

The main part of the trip was spent at Olarash Primary School where they worked to improve the standard of the classrooms.

Beatrice Roberts, a lower sixth student, said: "Visiting Tanzania was certainly a culture shock from my point of view, but one that I will never forget."

"It was wonderful to greet the young children of the school every morning."

"I felt sad leaving the school, especially knowing that for some of those children the end of primary school would be the end of their education."

This year sees the launch of their scholarship programme for school children in Mtimoja and Olarash Primary Schools, so that, if the children pass their exams, they can go on to a local secondary school.

Cathy Allen, who runs the project at Ellesmere said: "We are hoping to develop our links with Monduli Green even further."

## Gillian is far from stereotype of solemn funeral directors

PICTURE a funeral director and you might conjure up the image of a solemn elderly man dressed in black.

But Gillian Richards, partner at Oswestry-based David Davies & Sons, is nothing like the stereotypical image.

Mrs Richards, who lives near the Old Racecourse in Oswestry, is one of several women in the office of the family-run business after marrying into the family 27 years ago.

"The business is a fifth generation family business established in 1840. My husband Nick's family were very much involved in getting bereaved families through their sad experience," she said.

"I used to work for Richard Burbidge and I did very well there, but I was then made redundant."

"Nick said that it was the opportunity he had been waiting for, and I joined the business in 1990."

The 53-year-old said while the job can sometimes have its challenges, she does enjoy it.

"It can be very rewarding and you get a great sense of satisfaction when you support people at a difficult time," she said.

## Governors

"The funeral business might seem to be more of a male business but we actually have a lot of women in the firm. Our funeral manager is Jackie McGowan and Jane Jones is finance manager."

"It's a female team in the office. The men do the more practical side of the business," she said.

Away from work, Mrs Richards is chairwoman of the board of governors at Walford & North Shropshire College.

She took on the role almost seven years ago – and said it was her work at David Davies & Sons which brought about the appointment.

"The local clergyman David Crowhurst was a governor at the college and also knew me from David Davies. He recommended me to the board," she said.

"I was asked to an open day and they

## WOMEN OF SUBSTANCE

with Pam Griffin



made me the chairwoman that night. It's quite a lot of work. There's board meetings and committees. It's a big time commitment but I find it exhilarating."

"We're a very happy board. We're very diverse and we're all of different schools. It leads to a coherent approach to development and growth."

Although Mrs Richards doesn't have any children, she said that hasn't been a barrier to serving on the board.

But she admitted she was surprised to start with by how much goes on behind the scenes at schools or colleges.

"I've had nothing to do with anyone's education aside from my own and didn't realise how much was involved," she said.

"Walford has actually moved away from parent governors, and you don't have to be a parent to be on the board. Anyone who's interested in being a governor can always contact the college or their local school."

"I do enjoy the work. I find it captivating. You could say with my work at David Davies & Sons and the work at the college that I deal with both ends of life."



Gillian Richards, partner at Oswestry-based David Davies & Sons funeral directors.

## 46ft-high turbine is planned for farm

PLANS have been submitted to build a 46 metre-high wind turbine on a farm in the countryside.

It is intended that the wind turbine would be installed at Top Farm in Baschurch.

Developers said the 50kW turbine would generate renewable energy and is to be located at least 300m from any property.

The turbine would be 35.4m high, with its blades reaching a height of 46.3m.

It would serve the dairy farm business which operates over 204 acres.

Farmer John Allmark said he made the application to as the turbine will benefit his business as well as the environment.

He said: "We are a busy dairy farm and this turbine will help support the business and reduce our carbon footprint."

"Neighbouring farms have done their bit by either installing a turbine or putting solar panels on the roof and we felt we should do our bit. The turbine will generate electricity for the business in its current enterprise and for its future needs."

He added it would last for 30 years then be removed.

Anybody wanting to comment on the application can do so by visiting the planning portal on the Shropshire Council website.

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(L-R) Fiona Phillips with Timothy Morris, Carolyn Farmer and Amanda Morris



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Having studied at Stirling University, the leading authority on dementia research, Amanda has made it her mission to utilise a pioneering new approach to interior design at Cedar Court, a new specialist care home in Audlem by quality care providers, Morris Care.

Commended by journalist, broadcaster and campaigner for dementia care, Fiona Phillips, the home combines specialist layouts with an appreciation for the challenges of caring.

As described by Amanda: "We know design has such a positive effect for people living with dementia and this, matched by the staff's commitment to providing high quality care, really does make Cedar Court a unique place to be. Residents can come and go as they please, spend time with our carers or make a cup of tea with others."

"The home provides specialist visual and sensory aspects including non-reflective glass, memory rooms and colour-coded doors throughout the home, to help those living with dementia feel safe and secure in their home. This is then coupled by an evolutionary approach to caring, which is headed by our Home Manager, Carolyn Farmer."

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## GIG GUIDE

# Still plenty of live music to be heard

WITH the recent closure of The Ironworks there has been an absence of live music in Oswestry.

However that doesn't mean there aren't still shows on worth your time, including this Friday as the Willow Gallery will be playing host to The Devil's Chair Ceilidh Band.

For those unfamiliar with ceilidh it is a traditional Gaelic social gathering, originating from Scotland and Ireland, that involves Gaelic folk music and dancing.

The Devil's Chair Ceilidh Band draws on these traditions to create an eclectic mix of songs and dances with influences from Scotland, Ireland and England.

The four piece band is made up of Andy Jones, Andrew Norman, John Evans and Hilary Evans, all of whom are seasoned musicians with years of experience.

You can be guaranteed a lively set and you'll quite quickly find yourself tapping your feet along to the music.

Dancing is also a key part of ceilidh

## GIG GUIDE

with Edward Roberts



and you're encouraged to join in, but don't worry if you don't know what to do as there will be guidance for inexperienced dancers. It starts at 8pm with tickets costing £7, for more information ring (01691) 657575.

Shropshire based singer songwriter Devon Coffey will be performing at the Lowfield Inn, Marton on Friday night.

## Songs

She's started making a name for herself on the local music scene, having recently had one of her songs played on BBC Radio Shropshire.

If you enjoy music by likes of Diane Cluck or Joni Mitchell then chances are this will be for you. The gig starts at 8pm and is free entry.

If you're in Welshpool on Friday night, then head along to The Royal Oak as the talented Tony Skeggs will be performing.

The gig starts at 9pm and is free entry.

Consider yourself a budding musician? Then head along to the open mic at The Golden Lion near Llanymynech on Monday night. It doesn't matter what sort of music you play, whether it's folk, rock or anything in between.

Even if you're not a musician it's a great night for any music fan. It starts at 8pm and is free entry.



Tony Skeggs, live at The Royal Oak.

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## THE ARTS

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# Artist's sketch of singer to be sold

by Lucy Todman

A PENCIL drawing of soul singer Joss Stone drawn by an Oswestry artist will be sold at auction to raise money for charity – but time is running out for would-be buyers.

David Walker, who is based near Oswestry, was tasked with drawing a picture of the 26-year-old singer and she signed it during a recent visit to Victoria Stilwell Dog Training School at Condober, near Shrewsbury.

The portrait is now being auctioned on eBay to help raise funds for the charity Hounds for Heroes, which provides specially trained assistance dogs to injured and disabled men and women of both the UK Armed Forces and civilian emergency services.

## Signed

Bud bidders only have until today (Thursday) to get their offer in.

Stone personally signed the portrait after she recently spent the day as a guest judge at a fun day held at the dog training school in the summer.

The portrait can be viewed and bids made on [www.ebay.co.uk/itm/Signed-original-drawing-of-Joss-Stone-by-David-Walker](http://www.ebay.co.uk/itm/Signed-original-drawing-of-Joss-Stone-by-David-Walker)

Mr Walker, whose studio is in Kinnerley, started working as a freelance artist in 1986 after studying at Wrexham College of Art and Design for four years.

He also gained the support of the Princes Youth Business Trust and has met Prince Charles, on three separate occasions including when he paid a visit to Highgrove.



The Joss Stone portrait that is being auctioned for charity.

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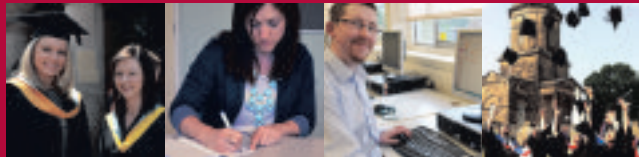
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**NOSTALGIA & NEWS**

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**Art group setting up one-off sale day**

AN ARTS group which has gained a reputation for its high quality work and commissions is holding a sale for shoppers to find Christmas bargains.

The Project Group, which has won praise from across Britain, with some of its work featuring on the Designed in England website, works to help those with mental health issues.

Spokesman, Catherine Wilks, said: "We work largely on art commissions for the public and private sectors. We have expanded our activities to include community and public workshops, a retail range and the development of workshops and commissions for corporate clients."

The sale will be held at the Project Group's studios in Cross Street on Wednesday, November 27, from 10am to 2pm.

"There will be a range of unique gifts, designed and handcrafted by the Project Group," she added.

The theme for gifts on the first floor will be 'cut outs', with glass bowls, felt slippers, book covers, screen-printed feather cushions, bags, twelve days of Christmas' paper bunting and acrylic tree decorations.

"Individual group members will be selling their own hand made gifts on the second floor."

**Ancient fire engine saved**

Then – the newly restored Oswestry fire engine.

**TURN back the clock exactly 40 years and this ancient fire engine had been given a new lease of life.**

The photo was taken on November 10, 1973. Members of Oswestry Round Table had restored the Victorian fire engine which was found at an Oswestry garage and bore the inscription: "Presented to the town of Oswestry on behalf of the Volunteer Fire Brigade by Mrs A. Wynne Corrie, 1887, the

Jubilee year of Her Gracious Majesty, Victoria."

The maker was Shand Mason, London. On left is John Hewitt, who was in charge of the restoration work, and on right is Llew Hughes, organiser of the Round Table's Christmas parade for that year at which the engine was due to be displayed.

"Originally it was in a terrible condition,"

**by Toby Neal**



Now – all gleaming and looking for a home.

said Mr Hewitt. If it had been left much longer it would not have been capable of being restored. There is still a lot of brass to go back on. We didn't know there was so much because it had been covered in black paint."

The cost of the engine when new would have been about £150 and it was drawn by four horses. Everything on it was still in working order, including the pumps.

It was called "The Park Hall". Park Hall was the home of Mrs Wynne Corrie. Ironi-

cally this mansion burned down in 1918. Earlier this year Shropshire Fire and Rescue Service History Society launched a new research project delving into the past of Oswestry Fire Brigade.

Among the aspirations of the group is to try to find a proper home for the Park Hall fire engine which, it was said, has been hidden away in a metal container for the last 15 years.

The society's website has no update, so presumably it remains a dream.

**Students to be on show's catwalk**

STUDENTS will be modelling fantastic clothes created by their classmates at a fashion show later this month.

The Oswestry campus of Walford & North Shropshire College is holding its annual fashion show on November 27.

Students from the hair and beauty department and the recently-opened Scholars Restaurant will be involved in the event.

The show will feature fashion items from the autumn and winter collections of local businesses, including JEMS Dress Agency and Dorothy Perkins, as well as a bridal wear section.

But the highlight of the show is expected to be a selection of Avant-Garde creations based on fictional characters, designed and produced by Level 3 Hair and Beauty students from Visage, the college's salon.

All proceeds from this charity event, which will also feature live music and a raffle, will be shared between Help for Heroes and CRY (Cardiac Risk in the Young).

Doors will open at 6.30pm.

Tickets are priced £10 and are available from the Oswestry campus reception or by telephoning (01691) 688000.

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## FEATURE

## Initiative helping dyslexic workers

LEAFLETS produced by a support group for people with dyslexia have been presented to Powys County Council.

Powys Dyslexia Support Group has presented the council with three leaflets so that it can continue to support its employees who have this learning difficulty.

The group was formed in 2012 for the people of Powys, in direct response to concerns raised from parents and adults, and now offers guidance by providing information and signposting to any persons with dyslexia and other learning differences, and their families.

Councillor Barry Thomas, chairman of Powys Dyslexia Support Group, said: "Our aim is to make the people of Powys aware of what help is available, so that a more informed choice can be made."

"I'm delighted that we have been able to present these leaflets to Powys County Council."

## Club is meeting

THE next meeting of Trefonen and District Gardening Club will be its AGM.

Following the AGM, at Trefonen Village Hall from 7.30pm on November 21, there will be the launch of the club's website and viewing of the photo competition.

## Still plenty of green gems around to delight the eye

AS I've mentioned on numerous occasions over the frigid, dull harbinger of true winter.

But to find some of this month's treasures, you will have to do a little searching. And yet, by virtue of your location, you may not have to go very far at all.

This time of the year is typically damp and dreary. The last cut of grass has been made to our lawns and vegetation is transforming from greens to browns, yet there are a few organisms that buck the trend.

When we think of plants, we tend to separate them between deciduous and evergreen. From now through to March, it's the towering evergreen trees that catch our eyes because of their comparative colour, but there are also plants that reverse our conceptions of the ever-green state of affairs.

## Rehydrated

You'll need to find yourself a damp rocky or better still, an old cracked stone wall. You may well have passed structures such as these without a second glance over the summer months but you may be surprised to see something of a difference now. And that difference will be a green one.

Wall ferns and spleenworts erupt from fissures and crevices in cracked and neglected masonry. It isn't that they've suddenly appeared, they've been there all year in brown, shrivelled form. It's only now that, with the 'dull, dreary dampness' of autumn, they become rejuvenated and rehydrated.

The uncommon but nonetheless present rusty-back fern is a delicate miniature wall fern that probably lends its name to the whole family of spleenworts for it was this species in particular that was used tradition-

ON THE WILD SIDE  
by Ben Waddams

ally to remedy spleen and liver disorders. The other seemingly fresh-green this month can be found in the cells of the common ivy. Not only do the colours of this plant enliven the senses on a grey day... assuming you've yet to find your spleenworts!... but they will certainly enliven a number of insect species too.

In fact, for any late queen wasps, flies or indeed hardly butterflies that may choose a less than freezing cold day to emerge, the flowers of the ivy can be a crucial source of nectar.

But if I've thus failed to impress you with greenery, then why not head down to the river or brook?

This month may or may not be the last chance for one to see a kingfisher before the spring. These birds sometimes stay in their present territory over the winter, but many will rather fly downstream... often to the coast... rather than risk their patch freezing up and thus starvation.

Far from this time of year being a lacklustre period in the wildlife calendar, you should be able to turn up many surprises here in the Shropshire countryside.

After all what could be more thawing than a green gem in a long lost garden wall or an electric blue flash atop a riverside branch - even if the perch itself is a little frosty.

Ben's work can be seen in Callaghan's Fine Paintings, Shrewsbury.



Frosty perch - acrylic on board - by Ben Waddams.

## Artist's work to go under spotlight

THE artist who painted large-scale murals for Oswestry's Orthopaedic Hospital will be the subject of an evening at a gallery in the town.

Qube gallery in Oswestry Road will be exploring the life and works of artist Mildred Elsi Eldridge tonight.

Elsi was a gifted artist whose work was overshadowed by that of her husband, the poet R S Thomas.

Marie Carter will talk about the murals Elsi painted for the Robert Jones and Agnes Hunt Orthopaedic Hospital, and Helen Williams-Ellis, who produced a documentary about Elsi, will discuss the life and works of the artist.

Anyone who has any works by Elsi is invited to bring them along for the evening.

The event starts at 6pm and is free, but places are limited. To book a place contact Qube in Oswestry Road on (01691) 656882.

## Giving thanks

AN ALL Souls memorial service was held at Whittington Parish Church.

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**WHEN** a car company claims you are driving the most technologically advanced production vehicle on the road you just have to take notice.

So it was not really a surprise to find myself impressed by the Lexus GS450h on a week-long test drive.

If all the new technology on offer today is your bag then you will be impressed too because this car combines the benefits of the Mount Fuji race tuning programme with hybrid developments to produce a luxury that's both cheap to run and exciting to drive.

This Lexus doesn't hide. It looks aggressive with a 2.5litre V6 unit lurking underneath a beautifully sculptured bonnet. That means you get performance to match anything rivals Audi, BMW and Mercedes can produce.

That means 0-62mph in under six seconds and a top speed of 155mph with the hybrid additions meaning you can expect 45.6mpg on the combined circuit.

You've almost got two engines because the petrol engine is joined by electric units – one handling the starting system while the other gives the assistance needed to take a hybrid to such speeds.

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*The Lexus GS450h looks aggressive with a sculpted bonnet*



*This Lexus oozes class and quality and handles superbly*



*The leather upholstery is immaculate*

to belt down the motorway while "eco" and "comfort" make town and city centre driving less demanding on the pocket.

Inside the cabin lacks the up-market feel of rivals such as Audi but the F-sport leather upholstery is immaculate.

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As well as a 12-speaker sound system there's a brilliant multimedia system on board, complete with a navigation system and rear view camera.

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## Motoring

# Hyundai's i10 has grown up into an impressive package

**By Iain Dooley**

This is the longest and widest city car out there, and Hyundai wants to shout about it. "B-segment quality and practicality in an A-segment package" is the rallying cry from the people behind the all-new i10, and a significant increase in size helps it on its way.

One suited company rep even described the car as more of an 'A+-segment' machine, but enough talk of segments – we're not dealing with a Chocolate Orange. The bottom line is that the i10 is quite a bit bigger externally than its main rivals. You get the biggest boot in the class, with a broad floor area to accommodate a medium-size travel case flat, instead of rival cars' boots which might force you to stand it up or lie it on its side.

The spacious cabin is dominated by a huge, full-width coloured panel on the dashboard in a choice of orange or blue – with beige restricted to the entry-level S model and red kept only for the Premium grade. It certainly gives the car a measure of character but it's also a divisive feature, so get up close to form your own opinion of how it looks.

Physical quality is as high as you could hope for in a car of this class. The plastics are hard and in some cases very hollow-sounding, but there's no exposed metal anywhere. Then factor in the classy centre console layout and Hyundai has a



Hyundai's all-new i10 is a significantly better car than the original



The i10 is quite a bit bigger than its main rivals with a large boot



The centre console layout is classy

good case to argue that the i10 has a higher perceived quality than any of its competitors.

Practicality is boosted by the new model's inflated size. There are more cup or bottle holders than you can shake a stick at, with one in each of the four doors and – depending on bottle sizes – up to four more between the front seats. The front door slots can take big litre-sized bottles, too. The glove box is broad and evenly shaped, so there are no problems stuffing it full of everyday essentials.

There are two engines available in the UK. A familiar 1.2-litre four-cylinder engine is the range-topper and the more expensive option, but a new three-cylinder 1.0-litre unit steals the limelight. It's gutsy at typical engine revs; arguably more so

than the 1.2, and with its characterful background buzz and tractable, flexible manner it's the one to go for. Its only flaw is that while vibrations are isolated remarkably well at the steering wheel and seat, the rear view mirror does suffer from the shakes.

It also has to be noted just how quiet the i10 is. Keep the revs low, and even at 50mph the cabin is surprisingly hushed. This is the smallest car Hyundai makes, remember, and even if it is bigger than the rivals it definitely sets new standards for interior noise levels.

However, there's only one version in free road tax territory, and to get that you have to drop from five seats to four (weight-saving) and accept the mid-range SE trim only. The rest of the models

fall behind some rivals for emissions. Any other flaws to blot the copy book? That depends entirely on how you use it. If the size and parkability of a car aren't as important as style, driver-friendliness and refinement, the i10 plays a blinder. Only if you need your city car to excel at parking in tight on-street spaces are there significantly better options out there.

The new i10 is thoroughly impressive. It no longer has the energetic puppy-dog feel of the old version, having ditched it for a more grown-up and composed stance, but there's no doubt this is a significantly better car. The huge growth spurt might be both a blessing and a curse, but there's no doubt that the i10 is a fantastic all-rounder.

## Bumper to bumper

**Model:** Hyundai i10 SE 1.0 BlueDrive, £9,595 on the road  
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**Transmission:** 5-speed manual gearbox with modified gear ratios driving the front wheels  
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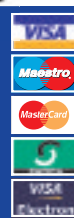
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# SPORT

## Hat-trick by Jody keeps up win run

A HAT-trick from Jody Wilson helped Oswestry maintain their unbeaten run in the North Wales League with a 5-2 home win over Aberystwyth University.

Charles Evans scored the other two with the border side having now won two and drawn one of their three games played. This Sunday they are away to Bangor City.

**OSWESTRY LADIES** slipped back into basement danger in the Cheshire Womens Hockey League division two after suffering a 3-2 home loss to lowly rivals Chester, their sixth defeat of the season. This Saturday, they head to Maclessfield and Bollington chasing much-needed points.

## League tables

### West Midlands (Regional) League

	P	W	D	L	GD	Pts
Lye Town	19	15	4	0	56	49
Black Cntry Rang	16	14	1	1	47	43
Shawbury United	17	13	2	2	34	41
Pegasus Juniors	17	12	3	2	40	39
Wton Casuels	18	13	5	1	15	39
Dudley Town	17	12	2	3	44	38
Cradley Town	20	12	0	8	3	36
Sporring Khalsa	18	11	1	6	34	34
Westfield	19	10	3	6	16	33
Wellington Arms	18	9	3	6	16	30
Wellington	17	8	5	4	5	29
Smethfield Rang	21	8	2	11	-6	26
Bromyard Town	18	8	2	8	-24	26
Bewdley Town	17	7	1	9	-5	22
Dudley Sport	21	5	4	12	-8	19
Shifnal Town	21	5	3	13	-25	18
Bilston Town	18	5	2	11	-15	17
Wton Spirta Com	19	5	2	12	-19	16
Malvern Town	21	5	1	15	-28	16
Bustleholme	22	4	4	14	-40	16
Ellesmere Rang	17	3	4	10	-18	13
Willenhall Town	19	4	1	11	-31	13
Bartley Green	19	0	1	18	-91	1

### DIVISION 1

	P	W	D	L	GD	Pts
AFC Bridgnorth	1	13	1	0	55	40
Barlastree	14	11	1	2	31	34
Haughmond	12	10	2	1	24	29
Gornal Ath Res	12	6	4	2	13	22
Leadbury Town	14	6	2	6	-9	20
Tyrall	12	5	4	3	9	19
Wern Town	12	5	3	4	11	18
Pennycroft	13	4	4	5	-9	16
Stone Old Alley	12	3	5	3	15	
Sherstone Park	13	4	3	6	-12	15
Hereford Lds Clio	12	4	0	8	-3	12
Wryley	12	4	0	8	-8	12
Mahal	11	3	2	6	-11	11
Wton United	12	3	0	9	-41	9
Harwood Unit	11	2	0	9	-17	6
St Martins	12	0	3	9	-36	3

### DIVISION 2

	P	W	D	L	GD	Pts
Wton Spirta Com R	1	12	1	0	31	21
Team Dudley	12	9	0	3	28	27
Wrens Nest	13	7	3	3	10	24
AFC Ludlow	13	7	2	4	23	23
Worcester Raiders	13	7	2	4	17	23
Newport Town	13	6	3	4	7	21
Pennycroft	12	6	3	3	-2	21
Worcester Wander	12	6	4	4	20	20
Malvern Rang	13	5	2	6	9	17
F C Stafford	12	4	2	6	4	14
Red Star Alms	11	2	6	8	-35	7
Sikh Hunters	10	2	0	8	-25	6
Wryley Res	10	1	1	8	-23	4
Bilbrook	12	0	2	10	-45	2

### Welshpool Dominoes League

DIVISION 1					
	P	W	L	F	A
Sun Inn.....	1	9	8	1	44
Cock P/A.....	8	2	36		20
Powis Arms P/O.....	9	5	4	33	30
Pinewood C.....	7	4	3	27	22
Social Club.....	8	4	4	27	29
GI Dragon Butt A.....	9	3	6	27	36
Cock A.....	7	3	4	24	25
Pinewood A.....	7	3	4	24	25
GI Dragon Butt B.....	9	3	4	22	27
Celts.....	7	2	5	20	29
Compasses.....	7	3	4	20	29
Waterloo.....	7	3	4	18	31

DIVISION 2					
	P	W	L	F	A
Westwood Wand.....	8	7	1	39	17
The Real Railway.....	8	6	2	36	20

### DIVISION 2

	P	W	L	F	A		P	W	L	F	A
Westwood Wand	8	7	1	39	17		26	11	2	11	26
The Real Railway	8	7	1	34	15		27	11	2	11	26
Talbot	8	5	3	33	23		28	11	2	11	26
Breidden	8	5	3	33	23		29	11	2	11	26
Bowring Club	7	5	2	31	18		30	11	2	11	26
Kings Head	9	4	4	26	30		31	11	2	11	26
Angel	9	3	6	26	37		32	11	2	11	26
Pinewood Dragons	7	3	4	25	24		33	11	2	11	26
Westwood	8	3	5	25	31		34	11	2	11	26
Muriels Bunch	7	2	5	17	32		35	11	2	11	26
RAF Boys	8	1	7	17	39		36	11	2	11	26
Wellington	7	1	7	16	36						

### Stonehouse Brewery Oswestry & District Dominoes League

Cross Foxes	6	3	3	0	22	14	9
Plas Yn Dinas	6	3	1	2	20	16	7
Black Lion A	5	3	0	2	18	12	6
Horsehoe	5	3	0	2	16	14	6
Top White Lion	6	1	4	1	19	17	6
Station	6	1	3	2	18	18	5
White Lion	5	1	3	1	15	15	5
Railway Tavern	5	1	1	3	17	17	3
Bradford Arms	5	1	1	3	12	18	3
Black Horse	6	0	2	4	11	25	2
Bartley Mow	5	0	0	5	4	26	0
Black Lion B, Cross Foxes, Top White Lion, Penybont Inn, White Lion, Llynchys 2, Black Lion A 4, Bradford Arms 4, Black Horse 4, Station 3, Plas Yn Dinas 3, Horsehoe 4, Railway 2							

### Floodlit Youth League

Hinckley United.....	7	6	1	0	28	7	19
Newcastle Town.....	10	5	2	3	20	18	17
Romulus.....	7	4	2	1	25	16	14
Ellesmere Rngrs.....	7	4	2	1	14	11	14
Hednesford Town.....	9	3	1	5	15	16	10
AFC Wulfrunians.....	7	3	0	4	14	17	9
B'mere St Michls.....	7	2	1	4	10	17	7
Rugby Town.....	4	2	0	2	9	6	6
Greenhill.....	8	1	1	6	5	22	4
AFC Telford Utd.....	6	1	0	5	7	17	3

## Boss Delwyn left to rue his side's missed chances

ELLESMERE Rangers boss Delwyn Humphreys was also left to rue missed chances as his side went down 2-0 at home to second-placed Black Country Rangers.

The Meresiders, who are currently third from bottom, shipped two second-half goals on 55 and 70 minutes.

But Humphreys said: "We played pretty well. We held them to 0-0 at half time, we had a game plan and we stuck to it.

"In the second half we couldn't quite get to grips with the game, they took their chances and we didn't.



Delwyn Humphreys

# Oswestry go fifth as they put strugglers to sword

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## SPORT

## Town go through in tricky challenge



Oswestry Town's Stu Johnson who scored the second in his side's win

**UNBEATEN** FC Oswestry Town progressed to the third round of the Shropshire FA Challenge Cup after overcoming tricky opposition and testing surface to win 2-0 at Oakengates Town.

The Oswestry side travelled to Telford flying high in the Mercian Regional League division one, and started brightly with early chances created for Graham Dyke and Olly Jones.

With the midfield being dominated by Tom Stedman and Jones, Town took the lead on 27 minutes when winger Graeme Kirkham shaded the offside trap after he was put through by Joe Evans and smashed the ball home.

## Clash

Now on top, Town carved more chances through Stedman and Carl Tomkins, and just before the break it was right winger Stu Johnson who was on hand to stroke the ball home after Graeme Kirkham had shaded a 50-50 challenge with a big home defender.

After the break, Town saw the game out with more chances for Dyke, Jones and Kirkham, while solid defending from Rob Shone and Kurt Smith ensured the visitors kept yet another clean sheet. Manager Nick Maguire was happy with the performance on a sloping pitch and looks forward to the next round draw.

Before then, Town entertain the Mercian League division one title rivals Childs Ercall in a clash of the titans affair at the Venue Park Hall (2pm).

## TNS back on top after beating brave Rhyl

ANOTHER strong display saw The New Saints storm back to the top of the Welsh Premier with a 3-0 victory over a resilient Rhyl that stretched their unbeaten home run to 12 months.

The defending champions, who have also yet to concede a goal at Park Hall this season, were frustrated for over an hour before striking three times to clinch the points.

After finding the Seaside's a tough nut to crack, defender Kai Edwards finally broke the deadlock on 64 minutes when firing into the net after Phil Baker had hit the woodwork.

The lead was doubled when Simon Spender's right wing cross was converted by substitute Mike Wilde on 78 minutes and Chris Seargeant added a third deep into stoppage time with a fine strike from the edge of the box.

With previous leaders Airbus UK losing their unbeaten record with a 2-1 loss at

Aberystwyth Town on the same night, victory saw the Saints return to the summit on goal difference.

Coach Carl Darlington praised another strong performance from the hosts who underlined their credentials against tough opponents who brought a sizeable following in the 500 crowd.

"We've done some stats, and not only have we not lost at home for 12 months, but we've also won every game in that time which is a phenomenal record and it shows we've really made our ground a fortress," said Darlington.

"Credit to Rhyl, they gave us a good game, and league is a lot better with them in it.

"They pressed us in the first half, worked hard, and stopped us playing, but in the second half we stepped up a gear and deserved the win.

Simon Spender and Jamie Mullan were

fantastic down the right, and that was where we won the game."

On a cold and wet night at Park Hall, Rhyl showed plenty of resolve to frustrate TNS' attacking intentions for the entire first half.

Chris Marriott and Seargeant were both off target with long range efforts but, with Seaside's themselves looking dangerous on the counter attack, the first half ended in a goalless stalemate.

## Pressure

The Saints continued to push for the opener after the break and went close 10 minutes into the second half when Seargeant whipped a terrific free kick into the box which Alex Darlington met only to steer his close range effort just wide of the post.

Moments later, with Rhyl continuing to soak up the pressure, Darlington found

Chris Jones who hit a powerful shot into the side netting.

However, the deadlock was broken when Edwards latched onto a rebound to smash in from close range after fellow defender Baker had initially hit the post following a succession of corners.

After going a goal behind, Rhyl pressed forward but, with 78 minutes gone, there was no way back for the visitors when Mullan played in Spender and the former Wrexham full back crossed for Wilde to volley past keeper Niki-Lee Bulmer.

Deep into injury time, Seargeant added a third with a super finish from the edge of the box to complete a well earned win that lifted the Saints top on goal difference.

It marked another clean sheet for ever present keeper Paul Harrison who rounded off a memorable night after receiving a commemorative plate before the game for his contribution to the club.

## Morda triumph after a thriller

MORDA Unied came from behind three times to secure a place in the third round of the Shropshire FA Challenge Cup at the expense of impressive visitors Childs Ercall.

Sam Litchfield hit both of Morda's equalisers before Shaheen Miah fired the decisive strike to seal a 3-2 victory with the goal of the game.

Morda were first out of the blocks with Gareth Lewis having an early shot saved and Ian Heathcock shooting over.

However, it was the visitors who opened the scoring on 11 minutes when a long free kick was headed on to Liam Kelly who netted accurately.

A flowing move led to Morda's equaliser before Miah fed Lewis's cross to Litchfield who tapped home, while Eliot Howes was unlucky not to put the home side in front when his header hit the bar.

Childs Ercall, currently riding high in the Mercian first division, enjoyed some good periods of play and were thwarted on the stroke of half time by Scott Graham with a superbly timed goalkeeping tackle.

## Status

Five minutes after the break, Ercall went ahead again when a Martin Lalley corner floated past the Morda keeper and was headed home by Danny Warne.

Morda gradually fought their way back into the game with Graham hitting the bar, going close with a free kick and having an accurate shot saved.

On the hour his persistence was rewarded when his free kick caused panic in the visiting goal and Litchfield was on hand to net his second goal of the game.

It was then Howes' turn to shine, twice going close before saving his side with a fine tackle in his own box, but Morda finally went ahead when Miah found the net with a superb dipping shot from long range.

This entertaining tie showed that there is little difference between the teams at the top of both the Mercian League premier and first division, but Morda held firm for the remainder of the game.

On Saturday, Craig Rogers' side have potentially their most challenging home league fixture of the season when they entertain table toppers Telford Juniors (2pm).

## St Martins let in eight

LOWLY St Martins felt the full force of Bridgnorth Town as they crashed 8-1 at home to the unbeaten high fliers to remain at the foot of the West Midlands League division one.

However, the final scoreline was harsh on the Saints who had been in the game for long spells only to pay the price for a slack five minute spell before half time in which the visitors netted four times.

After going two goals down, they were back in the game when Sam Nash finished off a good move, but a remarkable four goal blast just before half time put Bridgnorth in total control.

## Gethin hits two as Llanfair beat Guils in shock cup win

LLANFAIR UNITED pulled off the major upset in the second round of the Welsh Cup as they sent fancied Guilsfield slipping to a 2-1 exit at The Mount.

Two goals from Chris Gethin, his second from the penalty spot, sealed a famous win for the Spar Mid Wales League division one side after the Guils - who themselves have often pulled off cup upsets in the past - had gone ahead through Nathan Leonard after a bright start.

Llanfair boss Rhys Stephens hailed an outstanding team performance from his team in heavy conditions, with the victors now guaranteed at least £1,500 for reaching the third round.

"It was an absolutely brilliant win," he said. "We played very well and fully deserved

the result. A win like this must rank as the biggest since I've been manager here - it was a great day for the club.

"Beating Caersws last year in the Central Wales Cup was fantastic, but to do it in the Welsh Cup is something else.

"The crowd was immense, there was a great atmosphere with the noise, and when we scored the second goal I thought the roof was going to come off the stand. To get into the third round of the Welsh Cup for a club like ours is incredible, and we're going to enjoy it."

## Rovers keep up pressure after Hole scores two

IN-FORM striker Steve Hole continued his fine campaign with two more goals as Waterloo Rovers kept up the pressure on the Spar Mid Wales League division one leaders with a 3-1 home success over Llanstffraid Village.

Ricky Litchfield also found the net as Rovers bounced back from the previous week's 2-1 loss to Aberaeron to stay in touching distance of leaders in third place. Dale Lloyd responded for the villagers.

BERRIEW are also going well in second position after securing a 3-0 win at

Aberystwyth University to remain three points adrift of high flying Carno.

The students had their moments in the first half, but the visitors went ahead when Elliot Jones neatly lobbed keeper Alex Westbury from a tight angle, and they doubled the lead just before the break when Rhydian Morris headed in a left wing cross.

The university had the ball in the net after the interval through Tom Court only to see his effort ruled out in a marginal offside decision, but their challenge faded once Karl Selicarts made it 3-0 with a fine 20-

FOOTBALL  
by John Bridgwater

yard strike. Prospects for WELSHPOOL TOWN are also looking up after thumping basement strugglers Dolgellau 8-0, Martyn Ziemann leading the way with a hat-trick.

Gareth Watkins also scored twice, along with Rob Cookson, Ross Harris and an own goal, with the Lilywhites netting four times in each half to move up to seventh position.

FOUR CROSSES suffered more woe as they went down 2-1 at MONTGOMERY who halted their recent slide to go up to eighth.

## Leaders

After trailing at the break, Monty hit back in the second period with Graham Hamer levelling before Daniel Lewis headed the winner five minutes from time.

Life does not get any easier for Nick Poppy's Crosses side who, in ninth spot, face a testing trip to title chasing Berriew on Friday night.

DYFFRYN BANW remain second from bottom after crashing 5-0 at home to leaders Carno while Bow Street were also on the receiving end as they succumbed 7-0 at Bwlth Wells.

Caersws were close going out, but eventually won 3-1 after extra time at plucky Nefyn United, Mark Griffiths scoring twice.

With Nefyn tiring, the visitors capitalised as Griffiths netted his second of the game before Adam Jenkins rounded the defence to put paid to tricky opponents.

Llanidloes Town are also through after seeing off Cymru Alliance rivals Llanudno 2-0 at Victoria Avenue through Tom Evans and Will Thomas (penalty). The Seaside's also had two players sent off late on.

## Saturday's fixtures

Huws Gray Cymru Alliance (2.30 unless stated): Buckley Town v Caernarfon, Conwy Borough v Rhydyddyn, Guilsfield v Holyhead Hotspur, Llanidloes Town v Cefn Druids, Llanrhaeadr v Penycae (2pm), Penrhyn-coch v Flint Town Utd, Rhayader Town v Orthmadog.

Huws Gray Cup round one: Caersws v Llanudno.

## Under-16s stay on top of table

OSWESTRY Boys Club under-16s stay at the top of Shropshire A league after a convincing 3-0 victory against Up & Comers Harriers.

Goals from Tom Worwick, Sam Lewis and Jordan Evans set up the win, while man of the match was Otto Smith.

## Reserves crash out at Rock



There was no luck for this Oswestry Villa Reserves player as the ball slipped past his attempted tackle.



A Villa player battles hard for the ball in the 3-0 cup defeat at Rock Rovers

OSWESTRY VILLA drew 1-1 at Wrockwade Wood Juniors to go sixth in the Mercian Regional League division one.

They are one of four sides on 20 points, and face a home clash against

Rock Rovers on Saturday as they look to get the better of a side that defeated their reserves 3-0 at the Shrewsbury Sports Village in the Shropshire Challenge Cup.



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## Plum home clash for giant-killers Llanfair Utd

LLANFAIR UNITED have pulled out a plum home tie with Welsh Premier side Aberystwyth Town in the third round of the Welsh Cup.

That's their reward for last weekend's shock 2-1 second round win over Cymru Alliance neighbours Guilsfield that earned the Spar Mid Wales League side at least £1,500 for their efforts.

After going behind to a 17th minute strike from Nathan Leonard, Llanfair hit back with two goals from top scorer Chris Gethin.

Now they welcome Aberystwyth to their Mount Field ground in what will be the biggest game in their history.

Llanfair boss Rhys Stephens is relishing the visit of the Seasideers on what will be a day to remember for his side who again will be clear underdogs.

"It was an absolutely brilliant win," he added. "The crowd was immense, there was a great atmosphere with the noise, and when we scored the second goal I thought the roof was going to come off the stand."

TNS, three times winners of the Welsh Cup, embark on their cup quest next month with a potentially tricky trip to Cymru Alliance Conwy Borough.

The sides are no strangers having met in pre-season friendlies in the past two seasons, while they have also come to face a couple of times in the cup - with TNS prevailing after extra time on both occasions.

Ties will be played on the weekend December 6-8.

## COBRA looking to bounce back

WITHOUT any league action this weekend, COBRA have rearranged their North Wales Cup tie home to Bala.

The match on Saturday will kick off 1.30am, so not to clash with Wales' international with Argentina.

After suffering their first home defeat when losing 27-0 to Ruthin, the Meifod side will out for a good run in the cup competition.

## Eagles ready for a fight

OSWESTRY'S rugby players bid to consolidate their top five status in the South Lancs and Cheshire Two in Saturday's tricky trip to Bowdon.

The Eagles have been unbeatable at home this term, winning all five games, most recently last Saturday when they eased to a muddy 46-0 success over rock bottom Wallasey.

## Stud's high hopes for the Great Pretender



Yorton Farm Stud has high hopes of Great Pretender

A STUD farm on the Shropshire/Powys border has established its own French Connection.

Yorton Farm Stud has recruited Great Pretender, a proven sire in France, to boost the concern's fortunes.

Great Pretender, a black-type winning son of King's Theatre out of a Darshaan mare, is joining David and Teresa Futter at their new base at Leighton near Welshpool on the Shropshire/Powys border.

The 14-year-old bay was a winner on the Flat at two and fourth in the following year's Group One Prix du Jockey Club.

He was later unbeaten in two hurdle races at Auteuil and retired sound.

Great Pretender has sired 88 winners in France while, from just 10 runners in Britain, his sons Pit Zig and Mr Mole - both trained by Paul Nicholls - and the David Pipe-trained filly Azza have advertised his ability over here.

### Thrilled

Mr Mole was runner-up in the colours of JP McManus in May's Group Three Swinton Hurdle, while Pit Zig, having won at last season's jumps finale at Sandown, was second in the Group One Prix Alain du Breil at Auteuil.

In France, Great Pretender's best progeny include the Group One winning hurdler Grand d'Auteuil.

Great Pretender is a half-brother to middle-distance Listed winner Winter

Dream and a full brother to Listed-place Ange Gardien.

He has been recruited from Pascal Noue's Haras de la Hetraie - the former home of Yorton Farm Stud's young sire Malinas - and has thrilled the Futtters since his recent arrival at their stud.

David Futter said: "He is a lovely model, being 16.1 hands with wonderful bone, and is a great walker."

"He has been covering large books of jumping mares in France and now represents a fabulous opportunity for British breeders."

Yorton Farm Stud recently moved to new premises within Leighton Farm with Grade Two listed buildings restored and converted to accommodate the set-up.

## Crosses in the hunt for some cup cheer

FOUR CROSSES will hope for some cup cheer this week - but standing in their way will be high flying Berriew.

It's been a mixed start for Nick Poppy's side who languish just below half way in the Spar Mid Wales League division one after last week's 2-1 loss at Montgomery.

The Crosses league form has been inconsistent, but they now take a break to visit second placed Berriew in the first round of the Spar League Cup on Friday night as they look to upset the formbook.

WATERLOO ROVERS, who are third in the Spar Mid Wales League division one, will be hoping for a strong run in the cup, starting with Saturday's home tie with Abermule.

WELSHPOOL TOWN, who climbed up to seventh spot in the league with last week's 8-0 hammering of rock bottom Dolgellau, look to keep up the good work when they travel to Newbridge in the cup.

LLANSANTFFAID Village face a potentially tricky trip to Knighton Town, while MONTGOMERY will be hoping to continue their improvements of late when they entertain second division side Presteigne.

## Amy swaps bob for the rally wheel

AMY Williams, who claimed Britain's first individual gold medal at a Winter Olympics for 30 years when she triumphed in the skeleton bob, will be swapping the ice for the roads around Mid Wales this week.

Amy will be a co-driver when Newtown plays host to the UK's main off road motoring event the Wales Rally GB, on Friday as 80 cars descend on the town. Racing gets underway from 9am.

About midday, the teams make their second appearance in the town. They will have already started the rally but return to the their service area where mechanics have 15 minutes to make adjustments.

## HEAD coach Carl Darlington is backing TNS to show their title credentials as they head for Afan Lido on Friday night in a top versus bottom clash in the Welsh Premier.

After returning to the summit on goal difference following last week's 3-0 home win against Rhyl, the defending champions are looking in good shape for a third successive league crown.

Although wary of the pitfalls against a lowly Lido side that gained their first win last Saturday, Darlington believes the Saints will not relinquish pole position without a fight.

"Lido away on a Friday night is going to be a tough game as their performances have been a lot better than their results show," he said.

"It's a potential banana skin, these are the games that historically we tend to slip up in, but we're top of the table, we don't fear anyone and can go there full of confidence."

"We've now gone top after

However, having lost four of their five games away this season, points promise to be hard-earned this weekend against a Bowdon side lying third in the table.

OSWESTRY II are going well in fourth spot in the North West League division four (south) after winning 39-12 at Wilmslow - and next up is a home clash with Lymm IV on Saturday.

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12 games, coincidentally the same as last season, and we firmly believe the title is ours to lose."

After making it six wins out of six at home without conceding a goal this term, and going a year without a home defeat, it seems that the only chink in the Saints' armour this season has been on their travels where they have dropped seven points.

### Rested

"Not only have we not lost at home for 12 months, but we've also won every game in that time which is a phenomenal record and it shows we're really made our ground a fortress," added Darlington.

"Our challenge now is to repeat that form away from home."

The Saints hope to keep the same squad, with Ryan Fraughan still being rested due to a groin injury while defender Connall Rawlinson has stepped up his rehabilitation from his foot problem.

● Former TNS striker Chris Sharp has joined Lincoln City on a month's loan from Hereford United.

## Ben sets fastest lap to secure overall third spot



Ben Power in action at Brands Hatch in the Guttercrest Racing Legends car. Picture:Rodney Tietjen

MID WALES racing driver Ben Power set the fastest lap of the weekend at Brands Hatch, as he secured a career-high third-place finish in the hotly-contested National Legends Car Championship.

Power, from Guilsfield, near Welshpool, set two fastest laps at the famous Kent circuit, as he notched up more points in the final race weekend of the season.

With the two leaders in the championship effectively out of reach, Power had to battle Belgian cham-

pion Guy Fastres for third place in the table.

The two-day event started disappointingly, with eighth in race one from the back of the grid, followed by 11th in race two, after going off the track in the wet conditions, while running second.

The day ended with a steady fifth in the final to keep him in contention.

On day two, he finished fourth and fifth in the heats, and second in the final - enough to overhaul Fastres' narrow lead going into the last race,

and therefore clinch third in the championship.

"It was a great way to end the season," said the 23-year-old Power. "This has been my best season so far in Legends, and we've shown that we are serious contenders for the honours now."

Last season he finished a career-high fourth in the hotly-contested championship, and has improved on that in 2013, with several race wins, including one in a live televised race at Mallory Park in Leicestershire.

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